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CHINESE AFFAIRS.

SHEAF OF QUESTIONS IN THE COMMONS.

SECURITY FOR FOREIGNERS.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, March 31.

In the House of Commons, in reply to questions, Sir Austen Chamberlain, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, emphasised that His Majesty's Minister in Peking had been instructed that armed force should only be used as a last resort to safeguard the security of foreigners.

Replying to a further question Sir A. Chamberlain said that he was aware of the grave situation in China, but some signs—for instance, the trade returns published by the Maritime Customs—showed that the position of trade industry was not quite as disastrous as the question indicated. He hoped that the co-operation of the Powers participating in the Tariff Conference in Peking would effect a further improvement.

Senseless Allegations.
Mr. J. Beckett, (Labour, Glasgow) asked that the Powers permitted to send soldiers of Marshal Chiang Tso-lin to be concealed in the foreign concessions in Tientsin, thereby facilitating their action against the Chinese national forces and their eventual occupation of Tientsin. He asked what action His Majesty's Government proposed to take with a view to ensuring that the sovereign rights of China would be respected and that no interference with her internal affairs should occur.

Sir Austen Chamberlain replied that an enquiry had been made of His Majesty's Consul-General in Tientsin, who replied that the British Concession was remote from the Chinese City and not concerned in these allegations. The General commanding the Kuomintang forces, with whom he had been on friendly terms, informed him on March 23 that his forces were voluntarily withdrawing in accordance with the circular telegram from Peking. There did not appear from that to have been any foreign interference, and certainly there had been none as far as His Majesty's Government was concerned.

No Intervention.

Replying to a question urging the safeguarding of interests ensuring the preservation of the Chinese railways, Sir A. Chamberlain said that their deterioration was due to civil war conditions. He declared that joint action by the Powers to terminate the civil war would involve a reversal of the agreed policy of non-intervention in Chinese domestic affairs and involve the use of armed force. His Majesty's Government did not intend to advocate such a proposal.

M. A. A. Ponsonby (Labour, Brighton) suggested that the Powers should prevent their nationals from supplying various sides with munitions.

Sir A. Chamberlain pointed out that the regulations regarding transport of arms by sea, which he thought were enforced, were "pretty strictly" against British nationals. He did not think that there were regulations checking the import of arms by land.

Mr. H. Dalton (Labour, Peckham) called attention to recent visitors' reports that the imports of arms from America, France, and Italy had greatly increased.

Sir A. Chamberlain: "They are not our nationals anyway." In reply to a supplementary question, Sir A. Chamberlain said that he was not inclined to take any very active steps in this matter "unless they can be applied to all frontiers on land as well as sea." (Conservative cheers.)

Customs Funds.

Peking, March 30.
The Foreign Ministers have approved the handing over to H. E. Tuan Chi Jui, the Chief Executive, of half a million dollars from the Customs funds, firstly to pay the Peking police and the bodyguard of the Chief Executive whose salaries are long in arrears, and secondly for the disbandment of groups of the third Kuomintang Army who are without officers and are roaming about the vicinity of the capital.

TO-DAY'S DOLLAR.

The closing rate of the dollar, on demand, to-day was 2/8 7/16.

OBITUARY.

MRS. A. D. HUMPHREYS' SUDDEN DEATH.

FUNERAL TO-DAY.

It is with regret that we have to record the death which took place suddenly whilst she was on a visit to a friend, of Mrs. A. D. Humphreys.

The late Mrs. Humphreys was taken seriously ill yesterday afternoon at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Comrie at Magazine Gap, death taking place just after the arrival of Mr. A. D. Humphreys who was hurriedly communicated with.

Much sympathy will be felt with the bereaved husband, the young son and daughter who are at school in California and the other relatives here and in the States. Mr. Henry Humphreys (of J. D. Humphreys and Son) and Mr. E. Humphreys are brothers-in-law of the deceased.

The news came as a shock to the many friends of the family here in Hongkong, for the late Mrs. Humphreys was apparently in her usual health immediately prior to the sudden attack. She had recently arrived back in the Colony after a visit to her relatives in the States.

The bereaved husband was born in Hongkong and returned here after living in the States, in 1917. He was formerly of W. G. Humphreys and Co., and now with Messrs. Dodwell and Co., Ltd.

The funeral takes place to-day, passing the Monument at 5 p.m.

DEMANDING MONEY.

CONSTABLE'S OFFENCE ON A JUNK.

SHAUKIWAN INCIDENT.

A Chinese water policeman's attempt to extort money from the master of a trading junk at Shaukiwai was described before Major C. Willson at the Central Magistracy this morning when the man was charged with demanding a bribe and misconduct as a police officer.

It was stated in evidence by the master of the junk and a boatman that the accused boarded the vessel at 10.30 p.m. on Wednesday and asked what cargo they were taking. When told that they had dry cargo and expected to take in a consignment of 180 tons of kerosene oil, accused said it was against the regulations and pointed out that they were liable to a fine of \$100 if found out by the Water Police, but as they spoke the same dialect (Hokio) he was willing to let them off if they paid him \$8. Asked to show proof that he was a water policeman, accused was said to have pointed to the number appearing on his uniform overcoat.

A travelling trader, as agent for the goods on board, corroborated this evidence and stated that he gave information at the Police Station which led to the man's arrest on board.

A "Cordial" Tea Party.

The defence was that the accused was passing the junk, which was without lights and carried kerosene on board, when he was invited in a very cordial way to step on board and have tea. Whilst having tea he was questioned as to whether he was one of the men who came on board and squeezed the master of a sum of \$8. The police were then sent for and he was arrested.

Inspector C. Bond said that the accused was off duty at the time and had no authority to wear the overcoat.

Accused was convicted on both charges and sentenced to a total of six months' imprisonment.

CAPTURED STEAMER.

That the steamer "Ng Tai Chow" will be released by the Canton Government on payment of a fine of \$20,000, is a report which has reached Hongkong.

This steamer was "arrested" by the gunboat "Kong Kwo" several months ago, on an alleged charge of arms trafficking. She then plied between two up-country ports, not far from Macao.

Yesterday a local health return comprised only one Chinese case of small-pox (imported).

RACE TIPS.

SMALL FIELDS LIKELY ON SATURDAY.

PROSPECTS PROMISING.

[By "Pat."]—

Prospects are good for the first extra race meeting of the season (Hongkong Jockey Club) at Happy Valley on Saturday.

There are seven events on the card. The first saddle race is at 2.00 p.m. and the opening race starts at 2.30 p.m. The ordinary course of events, spectators should be able to get away, not later than 5.45 p.m.

Unless there is a radical change in the weather, the course is likely to be in splendid condition, with the going on the fast side.

am informed that the track is even better than it was at the annual meeting.

In spite of country attractions, the attendance is likely to be well up to average as the sport is very

To-morrow being a holiday, there will be no publication of the "China Mail" on Saturday, and on Easter Monday, the paper will be published at mid-day.

open. The Jockey Club have announced, by advertisement, the new rules and prices of admission. Owing to the death of Mrs. Taggart, the ponies in her name and in the name of Mr. J. E. Taggart will not be out. It is expected that fields will be on the small side, averaging from five to six for each race.

A notable absentee will be Mr. E. Rock, the popular master of the Jockey Club, who is taking advantage of the present slack times to take a well-earned holiday in England. He sails by the "Morea" on Saturday at noon.

For the Course.
None of the Shanghai jockeys will be here as Mr. Eric Moller is leaving to-night. Mr. Maitland is in Shanghai. Mr. Pollock is away and Lt.-Com. Thompson, R.N., is down South with the Fleet.

Of the local jockeys who will be on duty, there are Mr. Doyle (who will ride for Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Austin, and for Messrs. Hall and Shenton Mr. Brodie (for Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Paterson and for Messrs. Dyer and Beth), Mr. da Roza (for Messrs. Toog and Priestley), Mr. Sewell (for Mr. "Dryasduz"), Mr. H. Seth and Mr. Nemazea (for Sir Paul and Lady Chater), Mr. Reidy, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Cobbold, Mr. Sugden, Mr. Stanton (for his own ponies and the string in the name of himself and Mr. Dunbar) and Mr. Ralph.

My selections, presuming that owners do not start their nominations where least expected, are—

1st race: The Gowk, 1, District Call 2, Bay of Naples 3.
2nd race: The Regent 1, Melody Dahlia 2, Tacoma 3.
4th race: Saligia 1, September 2, Daisy Dahlia 3.
5th race: Brigade Call 1, Total Abstinence 2, San Diego 3.
6th race: Mr. Doyle's mount, Bay of Bellingham, a place.
7th race: Sunburst Rose 1, Mr. Brodie's mount, 2.

HOCKEY VISIT.

HONGKONG'S HOLIDAY TEAM FOR AMOY.

TWO MORE NEEDED.

The Hongkong hockey team selected for Amoy is given below. Two vacancies remain to be filled.

Lieut. Smith, R.A.
Lieut. Jacobs-Larkcom, R. E.
Captain. Haigh, R.A.C.C.
A. S. Hett
T. J. Price
D. Lyon
S. H. Garrod
W. Gerrard
J. Wedlake.

Four of the players left by the a.s. "Kutsang" this morning, and the remainder will leave by the a.s. "Haiyang" this evening, calling at Swatow en route. The programme of matches at Amoy will be arranged after the team's arrival, but it is expected that three games will be played. The team will return by the a.s. "Kutsang" arriving at Hongkong on Tuesday, March 8.

GENERAL CHANG.

REPORTED TO HAVE LEFT FOR SWATOW.

HU HAN-MIN'S RETURN?

A vernacular report from Canton states that General Chang Kai-shek (the "soldier of the hour") has left the cruiser "Chung Shan" formerly the "Wing Fun" for Swatow.

It is hinted that his departure is in connection with the latest political developments.

On his return to Canton, Mr. Sun Fo (who passed through Hongkong) was welcomed by General Tchen Wu (Police Commissioner), Mr. Fu Ping-sheng (Foreign Commissioner) and others. Mr. Sun Fo is quoted as saying that Mr. Tang Chak-yu (who went North with him) is coming down from Shanghai shortly.

From another source it is gathered that Mr. Hu Han-min (Wu Han-min) who was "despatched" to Moscow after a series of coups which included the assassination of Liu Chung-kai, is likely to return to Canton.

These are merely straws in the wind but those well-informed express the view that the political struggle behind the scenes has not been brought to a close.

This morning's Hongkong Chinese papers deny the rumours regarding the arrival in Hongkong of Dr. C. C. Wu, from Canton.

The "Wah Tsz Yat Po" hints that General Chang Kai-shek may make Docea Digris (Fort 7) his headquarters.

ABUSED HIS TRUST.

MOTOR PARTS STOLEN FROM GARAGE.

GERMAN PLEADS GUILTY.

Larceny of motor parts from a garage in the Central District, charged against Edward Parkinson (32), stated to be a naturalised German subject born of a British father and Samoan mother, when he was brought before Major C. Willson at the Central Magistracy this morning by Detective Sub-Inspector Shaftain.

It was stated that the accused was employed by Kata Singh at his garage in Landale Street as a book-keeper on a salary of \$30 a month and food. He slept on the premises and had charge of the garage, during Kata Singh's absence in Macao. On the return of the latter several articles were found to be missing, including the meter and the pump which belonged to Mr. Miskin's car left in the garage to find a purchaser.

Pleading guilty to the charge, accused was fined \$25, or one month's imprisonment.

SHATAUKOK RAID.

CHINESE FIRED AT BY POLICE.

FATALLY WOUNDED.

An unnumbered house at Shataukok, suspected of harbouring bad characters, received a surprise visit from police officers yesterday.

One of the inmates slipped out through the back door and was fired at and wounded when he disregarded the order to stop.

The wounded man was sent to the Kowloon Hospital, but died on the way.

INSPECTOR BITTEN.

Divisional Inspector W. F. Blackman had to attend the Government Civil Hospital this morning to be treated for a dog bite.

He was engaged in the destruction of dogs placed in the police cage and had caught one of them by the hind legs to take it out when the animal turned round and bit him in the thumb.

A dog, the ownership of which has not yet been ascertained, bit a Chinese at Hospital Road yesterday. Efforts are being made to trace the animal.

SWATOW CUSTOMS.

The "Wah Tsz Yat Po" publishes a message from its correspondent indicating that the control of the native Customs establishment at and near Swatow has been returned to the Chinese Maritime Customs.

SEA DRAMA.

STEAMER ON ITS BEAM ENDS.

LIFEBOATS GONE.

(Reuter's Service.)

New York, March 31.

A thrilling sea drama is proceeding 800 miles south-east of Halifax, Nova Scotia, from where the British cargo boat "Laleham" sent out a "S.O.S." "Steamer on beam ends, lifeboats gone, water in bunkers and rising in hold."

The "Caronia" broadcasted the message, which was picked up by the "Mauretania." The latter liner, which was then 150 miles off, is steaming at full speed to the rescue.

WITHOUT PASSPORT.

RUSSIAN SUBJECT IN HONGKONG.

TO BE SENT AWAY.

Before Major C. Willson at the Central Magistracy this morning, Ivan Gersmeff Totokonsky, a Russian subject, was charged with entering the Colony without a valid passport or other document approved by the Captain Superintendent of Police.

In applying for an expulsion order, Sergeant A. H. Elston said that according to his information the accused was a partner in a tobacco business on the Chinese side of the Amur River in Siberia. The business failed and he was now on his way to Bangkok. He mentioned that the man was in possession of several thousand dollars.

The Magistrate imposed a fine of \$50 and made an order for the accused to be sent away from the Colony.

MOTOR MISHAP.

SUBMARINE MAN THROWN FROM CYCLE.

INJURIES TO FACE.

Injuries to the right side of the face were received by Mr. W. M. Smith, of Submarine L3, when he was thrown out of his motor cycle into the gravel side-walk near the No. 2 Police Station at Praya East shortly after 6 p.m. yesterday.

The motor cycle was proceeding in an easterly direction when a Chinese coolie stepped on to the road from the pavement near the contractor's house at this point. The cyclist swerved to the left to avoid the man, but the latter then retraced his steps and the machine, brushing past the coolie, went into the shallow drain.

Mr. Smith was assisted inside the Police Station where he was attended to by the officers. The coolie was not injured.

FINANCE "JOYS."

M. PERET PROVIDES AN ENTERTAINMENT.

TAXES UP HIS SLEEVE.

(Reuter's Service.)

Paris, April 1.

The Chamber adopted by votes to 298 to 285 the monopoly of the importation of petroleum. The measure is being discussed in spite of M. Peret's request of postponement in order to proceed with the Finance Bill from which the monopoly is separated. M. Peret favoured the institution of control in co-operation with foreign business interests and asked for a fairly free hand for the Government to organise control.

Little headway was made in the financial debate, a feature of which was M. Peret's readiness to accept alternatives provided they gave equal revenue. For instance, when the Chamber rejected increased duties on pharmaceutical goods, M. Peret immediately pulled out of his pocket a ready-made clause increasing the stamp duty on goods conveyed by railways, confessing simultaneously that he had other substitutes up his sleeve.

The entertainment put the House in good temper, but the night sitting is continuing.

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NO SECURITY.

JUDGE'S REFUSAL IN BANK CASE.

CONCLUDED HEARING.

At the concluded public examination at yesterday's Bankruptcy Court of partners in the Wing Hing Bank, Li Wing-kwong was closely cross-examined with regard to his expenses and the suggestion of the Official Receiver that he had bought property and put it in the name of his eldest son.

Debtor stated that he had reduced his expenses to \$300 a month and had not used his motor car during the past year. He agreed that his son had a share in certain house property but denied that any property had been bought and put in the name of the son.

Mr. D. McCallum, representing creditors, asked that the debtors should find security for their subsequent appearance.

Mr. F. G. Bennett supported Mr. McCallum, and said that the creditors felt that the debtors would not appear next time they were called upon.

The Official Receiver said that he was absolutely in accord with it, but he did not think it could be done at present. Certain expenses would arise following the application for the discharge of debtors.

His Lordship said that he could not grant the request of the representative of the creditors.

The public examination was then adjourned *sine die*.

VOLUNTEER ORDERS.

Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps Orders by Major R. Neville Smith, M.B.E., Administrative Commandant.

Armoured Car Company.
The Kennedy Road Range is at the disposal of the Armoured Car Company on Thursday, April 1 at 4 p.m. for Machine Gun Practice. Owing to the Easter Holidays and the Rifle Meeting, there will be no parades during the week ending April 5.

Artillery Company and No. 5 Platoon.
Musket Course Part I will be fired at Tai Koo Rifle Range on Sunday, April 18, 1926, at 9.30 a.m. Range Officer: 2nd Lieut. M. P. Cameron, M.C.
Dress: Uniform optional, but rifles, bayonets and pouches must be taken.

Scottish Company.
Musket Course Part I will be fired at Stonecutters Range on Sunday, April 11, 1926.
Range Officer: 2 Lieut. A. K. MacKenzie.
Launch will leave Murray Pier at 9 a.m. and call at Kowloon Pier at 9.10 a.m.
Dress: Uniform optional, but rifles, bayonets and pouches must be taken.
Arms: Will be drawn from headquarters on Friday, April 9, between 9 a.m. and 12 noon, or 2 and 4 p.m., or 5 and 6 p.m., and on Saturday, April 10, between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Command.
Lieutenant F. Syme Thomson to be Commanding Officer Engineer Company, with effect from April 1, 1926.

Leave.
Captain Sir Eric Stuart-Taylor, O.B.E., Medical Section is granted 12 months' leave from April 16, 1926 to April 15, 1927.
No. 133 Corp. L. S. Greenhill, Reserve Company is granted 9 months' leave from April 1, 1926 to December 31, 1926.

With reference to Corps Order No. 216 dated March 12, 1926, the dates of leave granted to No. 423 Sgt. G. T. Padgett, Engineer Company are amended to read April 1, 1926 to December 31, 1926.

Resignation.
No. 660 Pte. T. L. Jenkins, Armoured Car Company is permitted to resign from the Corps, as from April 13, 1926.

L. D. JOLLiffe, Captain, Adjutant, H. V. D. Corps.

NOTICE.

Rifle Meeting.

The Annual Corps Rifle Meeting will be held at Stonecutters Range on Sunday, April 4 and Monday, April 5, 1926.

Launches will leave Murray Pier at 8 a.m., 8.30 a.m., 9.30 a.m., and 1.30 p.m., and call at Kowloon Pier at 10 minutes later.

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STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS.

The following has been forwarded to the "China Mail" for publication:

The play "Cinderella," given recently by the children of Kowloon, was a financial success. As an effort by children on behalf of children, it was viewed with special interest by the community, who will now learn with pleasure that the sum of \$75 has been forwarded to Dr. Barnardo's Homes, and a small balance of \$27 has been given to Sister Mercy on behalf of the local poor, at Mrs. Gay Cumming's request.

Warm thanks are due to the Amateur Dramatic Club for the loan of curtains, to Hongkong Amusements Ltd. for a cheque (\$50) towards the funds, to Mr. J. H. Hunt for designing the posters and programmes, to Mrs. Hunt for lending the Barnardo collecting boxes, as well as to the programme-sellers who, made use of them, and finally to many others whose generosity helped to keep the item "sundries" within very modest limits. By special arrangement the money has been converted into sterling above the current rate.

A summary of the accounts, is given below, in which it will be seen that none of the money raised by the children selling tickets before-hand, nor any money given as a donation to the cause has been expended on the entertainment, the cost of which was entirely defrayed out of cash receipts at the Theatre.

The statement of accounts (omitting cents) reads:

Receipts:
Sale of Vouchers \$517
Net cash profit on Shows 200
Profit on Programmes 37
Donations 83

Disbursements. \$837

Cost of Dresses \$117
Printing and Advertising 41
Sundries 9
Dr. Barnardo's Homes 643
Sister Mercy 27

..... \$837

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PROPERTY SALES.

YESTERDAY'S LEASEHOLD SALES.

There were three valuable leasehold properties sold by public auction yesterday, afternoon, two being disposed of at Messrs. Lammett Bros. sales room and the other being knocked down at the China Auction Rooms.

The first property put up at Messrs. Lammett Brothers was in connection with Original Jurisdiction Action No. 561, of 1926 in the Supreme Court of Hongkong between Chan Leung-shi, Chan Hsi-shi and Man Kam-lo, executors of Chan Shek-shan deceased (plaintiffs), and Luk Tsai-ting and Wong Ching-ai (defendants).

This leasehold property, was sold with the consent and concurrence of the plaintiffs under an Indenture of Mortgage, dated November 3, 1924, between the defendant and mortgagee. The property was sold by order of the Court and consists of seven houses at Kowloon, known as Nos. 28, 30, 32, 34, 36, 38 and 40, Reclamation Street.

The area of the property is about 4,674 square feet, and it has a Crown rental of \$64.60. The upset price was \$50,000, and this was advanced by one bid of \$1,000, and was sold to Mr. Li Shau-chi.

The other property put up was also sold by order of the Court as a result of an Original Jurisdiction Action between the same plaintiffs and Lau Tat (defendant), and was sold under the same conditions as the first one.

The property consists of three houses in course of erection on the remaining portion of Sub-section 8 of Section C of Kowloon Inland Lot No. 421. The area is about 2,586 square feet with an annual Crown rental of \$11.59.

Started at \$15,000, there was one advance of \$500, and the property was knocked down to Mr. Chan Chak-long for \$15,500.

China Auction Rooms.
Some fairly brisk bidding was seen at the China Auction Rooms where Mr. E. V. M. R. de Sousa sold three Godowns at Nos. 1 and 3, Sutherland Street, and No. 13, In Ku Lane, \$12,000 above the upset price. The leasehold property has an area of 6,312 square feet and the Crown rental is \$179.53 per annum.

The upset price was \$35,000, with bids of \$500 acceptable. The first bid made was one of \$2,000, after which the price steadily rose by bids of \$500 until a sum of \$77,000 was reached, at which figure it was knocked down to Mr. P. Y. Fok.

ALLEGED FRAUD.

ACCUSED IN THE WING ON CASE.

COMMITTED FOR TRIAL.

The case in which three Chinese (one of whom disappeared whilst on bail) are charged with an alleged attempt to defraud the Wing On Company of \$50,000 by means of a forged deposit book was continued at the Central Magistracy yesterday when Mr. F. C. Jenkin closed his evidence for the prosecution.

Mr. D. L. Strellet (acting in the absence of Mr. G. K. Hall Brutton who was indisposed) and Mr. Leo d'Almeida appearing for the defence of each of the two men intimated that they would reserve their defence until the case came before a jury.

His Worship held that a prima facie case had been made out against both accused on all the charges and accordingly committed them for trial at the Criminal Sessions.

ALLEGED CHEATING.

CHEQUE PAID WHEN LEAVING FOR PENANG.

The hearing of the case in which Mr. Peter Richardson stands charged with cheating, it being alleged that he presented a cheque for \$1,000 to Mr. Pente, manager of Raffles Hotel, knowing that he had no funds to meet the cheque, was commenced before Mr. P. F. David, District Judge, on March 24.

The accused was not represented by counsel. Mr. N. H. P. Whitley, D.P.P., conducted the case for the prosecution.

Opening the case for the Crown, Mr. Whitley said that he would call evidence to prove that the accused continued to sign cheques in the hotel after he had been told that he would be given no further credit. On one occasion he was asked to pay cash for a bill he had signed, but he refused to do so.

The D.P.P. dealt with the facts and then referred to the cheating system which was in practice in the hotel. He said that when a person signed a bill, he was told that he was no longer to be given credit then the offence of cheating was complete.

In his evidence, Mr. A. F. Pente stated that when he took over the management of Raffles Hotel he found that Richardson was owing the hotel over a thousand dollars. In reply to the D.P.P. witness stated that nobody was allowed to leave the hotel without a receipt for his bill. It was common gossip at the hotel that the accused was out of employment.

On January 28, he looked into Mr. Richardson's room, but found Richardson was not there. There was a fair sized trunk and various other articles in the room. Some of accused's baggage was missing. Witness made enquiries and acting on what he heard, he went to the steamer, "President Polk." He ascertained that the accused had booked a passage to Penang.

As Good As Cash.
When accused came on board, witness questioned him regarding his account with the hotel and he said that he would pay it on his return from Penang. Witness did not agree to this and accused asked him, "What will happen if I do not pay?" Witness replied, "You will not sail." Accused then wrote out the cheque for \$1,000 and gave it to witness saying, "It's as good as cash." Subsequently the cheque was presented to the bank for payment and returned.

Cross-examining the witness, accused put it to him that in November last year the hotel presented him, "What will happen if I do paid in a cheque for \$2,000. Witness agreed that accused had resided at the hotel for two years. Some days before he (accused) left the hotel, Richardson gave him a cheque for \$300 saying that he could cash it and he would split it with him "fifty-fifty." Continuing, witness said, "I asked Richardson who signed the cheque and he said 'Gillingham Brown.'" Witness went on to say that the cheque was subsequently dishonoured.

Mr. F. J. Gross of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank gave evidence to the effect that one of the current account books at the bank dealt with the account of P. Richardson. The entries had been examined by witness. At the end of January, the accounts showed a credit balance of \$105.07. Nothing was paid in or drawn out on the 28th. On the following day, \$50 was drawn out. On February 11, accused closed his account.

Mr. C. Counsell, Secretary, Raffles Hotel, said he took over his present duties in July last year. At that time, accused was a resident at the hotel. Witness gave evidence referring to the accused's account with the hotel.

One of the hotel boys said that he saw the accused's boy take two small suit cases out of the hotel by the back door.

The further hearing was adjourned until March 29—"S.F.P."

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BANKRUPTCY PROCEEDINGS.

Sydney, March 7.

Henry Clay Smith and Lee Anna Smith, known professionally as "Lee White," his wife, theatrical artists, (who were in Hongkong some months ago) of the Hotel Australia, Castlereagh Street, who were arrested on the previous day on a writ granted at the instance of Wilfrid Cotton, theatrical agent, and judgment creditor for the sum of \$3,500, and subsequently sequestered their estates and were released from custody on a certain undertaking, were examined before the Registrar in Bankruptcy (Mr. N. C. Lockhart) on Saturday morning with respect to their assets and liabilities.

Mr. Neville Montagu appeared for the judgment creditor or Wilfrid Cotton, Mr. Abrahams for the bankrupts, and Mr. C. U. W. Lloyd, official assignee of the bankrupt estate, in person. When the matter was called Mr. Montagu said that the filing of their schedule was a subterfuge to enable them to get released from custody for the purpose of proceeding to Queensland where they were announced to appear professionally.

The Registrar: Do you say it was subterfuge to avoid payment?

Mr. Montagu: No, to enable them to be released.

No Assets!

The Registrar refused the application for a postponement. In reply to the Official Assignee, Henry Clay Smith said he first came to Australia in 1915, since when he had been all over the world. He had never been bankrupt before, nor had he assigned his estate. He had been carrying on business with his wife as theatrical entertainers, and a joint statement of affairs had been filed showing liabilities at \$7,411 and no assets. He had no separate estate nor any personal liabilities. He had previously owned a wardrobe, but sold it in Melbourne some months ago for \$300 to a Mr. Madison, to whom he was at the time indebted to the extent of \$200 or \$300. He required the money at the time for living expenses, and all he now had was what he stood up in. Five shares which he had in the Civil Service Stores in London were not, he thought, worth \$5. When his wife and he banked in Adelaide ten days ago he had \$200 or \$300, but of that sum he only had a \$50 note which he now at the Official Assignee's request handed over. The \$50 had been spent in advance, and so was not shown in the statement of affairs. The balance of the \$200 or \$300 had been spent in paying fares of a company, numbering some 20 persons. His wife was insured in the Equitable Life Company for \$1,000, upon which he had got a loan.

Lee Anna Smith stated that the evidence given by her husband with regard to partnership matters and liabilities was correct. As far as she could remember she had no separate estate and no private means of income. She had a 20 years' endowment life policy for \$1,000 or \$2,000 in the Scottish Union, London.

Subsequently Mr. Abrahams made an application to the Judge in Bankruptcy (Mr. Justice Long Innes) for permission to allow the bankrupts to leave the jurisdiction of the State for six weeks to enable them to appear in Brisbane. His Honour granted the permission asked for. Mr. Frank Albert becoming bondsman for the bankrupts.

CHILD DISCIPLINE.

CHIEF CONSTABLE ADVISES PARENTAL THRASHINGS.

Lecturing on the functions of punishment, Mr. J. Williamson, Chief Constable of Northampton, said:

"If children were properly disciplined and properly treated—not on the homeopathic system, little-and-often, with useless and needless taps across the fingers, head, or ears, or shakings—but definitely punished on that part of the anatomy provided to receive punishment by persons who are closest to them, I am perfectly satisfied that there would be less trouble for the police and the law courts generally."

One often hears parents say to children, "I'll bring a policeman to you if you don't behave yourself!"

That is a wrong idea, and should be hit on the head. Police do not exist as bogymen, but so that they may be respected because they are your agents. They are the public health department of society so far as conduct is concerned, and children should be made to respect them.

Sir Ronald Ross, F.R.S., has been selected as an additional medical councillor to the People's League of Health.

FUNERAL.

The funeral of the late Mr. A. R. P. Davies took place yesterday evening at Happy Valley, the Rev. G. R. Lindsay officiating. Among those who followed the cortege were Mr. A. S. D. Cousland, Mr. W. A. Eustace, Mr. R. L. Baidger, Mr. F. M. L. Crawford (directors, Lane, Crawford), Messrs. H. Overy, J. Henderson, E. W. White and A. C. Howell (Messrs. Wm. Powell and Co.), and Messrs. T. N. MacKinnon; C. S. Coombe, J. R. Robinson, J. C. Long, J. E. Anderson, J. Jack, H. J. Fountain and W. E. Dickinson.

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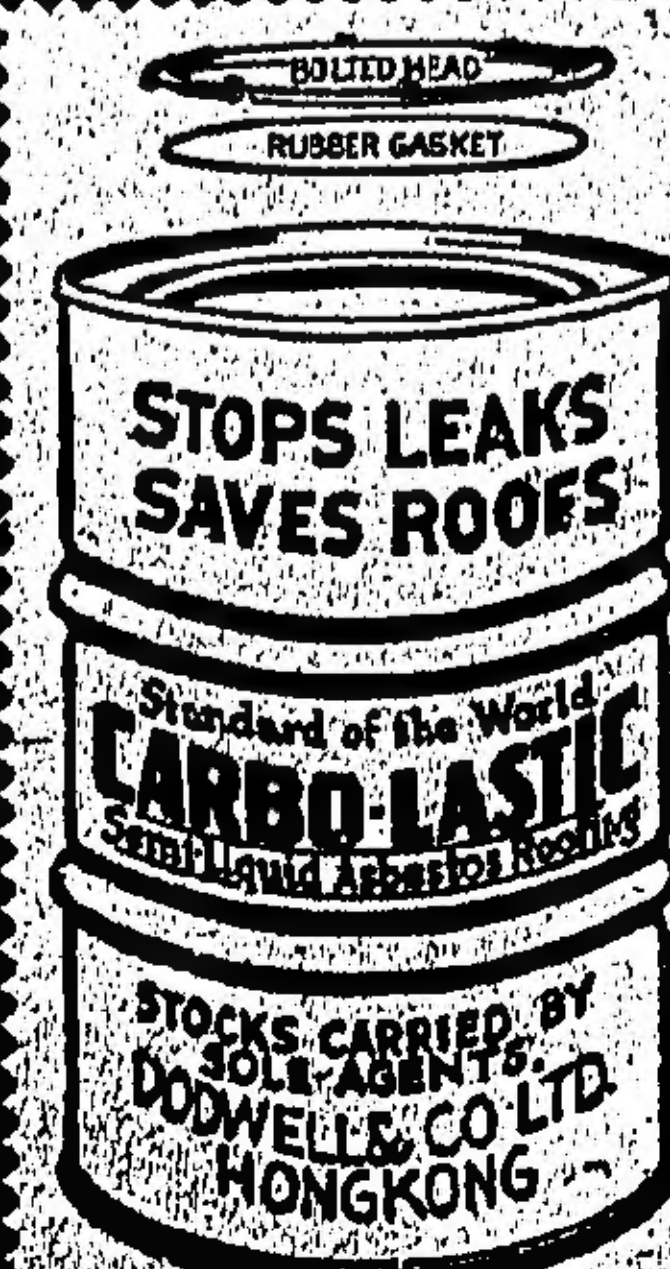
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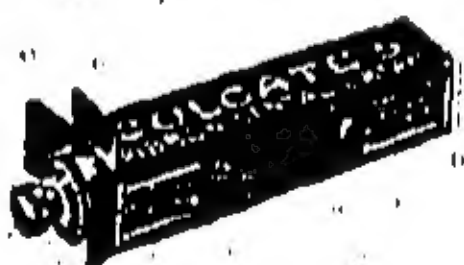
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BIRTH.

THOMSON.—On March 20, at
the Maternity Hospital,
Penang, the wife of W.
Thomson, a son.

WEDDING.

CLAYDEN—PRATT.—At Christ
Church, Galle Face, Colombo,
on March 15, William Carter
Clayden, son of the late J. J.
Carter Clayden, of Radwinter,
Essex, to Margery, daughter
of the late Mr. E. H. Pratt,
and of Mrs. Pratt, of Gedling,
Notts.

DEATH.

HUMPHREYS.—Suddenly, at
the residence of Mr. and Mrs.
Comrie, yesterday at 6 p.m.,
Evelyn, wife of Mr. A. D.
Humphreys. Funeral passes
the Monument to-day at
5 p.m.

Hongkong, Thursday, April 1, 1926.

COMMONS AND CHINA.

There has been the usual or
rather periodical sheaf of ques-
tions in the House of Commons re-
garding affairs in China, and the
usual amount of ignorance of
actual conditions on the part of
members occupying the Labour
Benches. It is remarkable in a
degree how people of the standing
of Members of Parliament, with
all the sources of information at
their fingers' tips—for the
more stretching out—can display
such colossal ignorance. In itself
ignorance is not a crime, still less an
offence, but certainly Labour mem-
bers, merely because they are in
Opposition and desire to em-
barass the Government of the
day, seem to take a delight in
adding innuendo to ignorance.
There is no bright side to British
foreign policy in China or in any
other country with them. The
British Government must have
sinned or be sinning in some re-
spect, and so the Labourites ap-
pear to think that they have a
Heaven-sent mission to "expose"
their own Government. It mat-
ters not what the effect of their

senseless questions and uncalled-
for aspersions may have on the
relations between Great Britain
on the one side and China on the
other. They care not a jot for
the fact that Great Britain is
never likely—especially with a
Conservative Government in
power—to take one single step
without the fullest co-operation of
the other Powers concerned in the
preservation of the Treaty rights
of foreigners in China. Even as
recently as the Taku forts incident
and the blockade of Tientsin and
Peking the fact was published
wide and far that Great Britain
was almost alone in opposing any
more drastic measure than a Note
of protest and a reasonable re-
quest that the channel be opened
up again for the passage of for-
eign ships. If any match is ever
likely to be set to the dry timber
of international relations in
China, this much is certain—that
the British Government will be
the very last to be the incendiary.
During the last twelve months
alone—to go no further back—all
the inflammable material neces-
sary for an international con-
flagration has been there; but on
each and every occasion the Bri-
tish Government has steered
most carefully away from it. All
it has concerned itself with is a
policy of patience and conciliation,
a policy of asking merely the
minimum requirements for the
protection of foreigners and the
security of foreigners' property,
and a policy of strict co-operation
with all the other Powers. Far
from such policies being inimical
either to Chinese or British inter-
ests, they will assuredly be found
in time to re-establish British
influence and British prestige in
China on the same sure footing
enjoyed prior to the May 30 in-
cident in Shanghai last year.

GOOD FRIDAY.

Vigilant sacrifices are little
thought of these days, else would
the message of Good Friday re-
ceive more notice than it does
to-day. The faithful heart, un-
deterred by the outward signs of
the times; undismayed, perhaps,
by the apparent inconsistency of
modern theology—remains sted-
fast in the belief and hope of a
resurrected Christ. For the
many it is but a breathing space in
a year's whirl for which relief
much thanks! The spending of a
holiday must be for the indi-
vidual's decision, as well as his or
her belief in any tradition of re-
ligion attached to it. But there
can be no harm in spending a
moment in contemplation of the
significance—fancied or real—
which attaches to these holidays
of the Christian year, and seeing
if opportunity can be used to
mutual local or national improve-
ment. Christianity has been rail-
ed against in the streets and class-
rooms of the world, but it has
not been visited by the same

wind, point to the failure of
Christianity. But there is some
truth in the local quotation that
until Christianity is adopted and
carried out, no question of failure
applies. If the other cheek has
not been turned by Christians in
the recent troubles, the fact re-
mains that no reprisals have been
made or suggested, but a large
measure of the deepest sympathy
expressed, and a desire to under-
stand—the modern way of turning
the other cheek. It is this
message of a vicarious sacrifice,
which can be applied by the in-
dividual. We are not called upon
to shed life's blood. But the call
is clear to crucify inordinate
ambition, acquisitiveness and
selfishness; and by the exercise of
a tolerance which can be tolerant
to opinions opposed to ours, seek
a common path of co-operation
and goodwill. A little introspec-
tion this Good Friday may do
some good. It may prove that
shower bath that the mind has
needed so long.

SANITARY BOARD.

The following are the orders of
the day, for the meeting to be held
on Tuesday next:—

1. Letter from Government re-
lative to the erection of four
European and four native type
water closets in the new South
China Morning Post building
in Wyndham Street on Island
Lot No. 80 Section K and R.E.
2. Dr. W. V. M. Koch, pursuant to
notice, will ask:—
Rabies.
(a) Will the Head of the
Sanitary Department state
the number of cases of
Rabies in dogs which have
occurred in the Colony up to
the present date, and also
the number of cases of
Hydrophobia in humans,
giving dates if possible?
(b) Is it not considered neces-
sary yet to take stronger
steps against the spread of
the disease? If not, why
not?
(c) How many people were in-
oculated with Antirabic serum
during each of the past four
years? Was the serum made
locally, or imported? What
was the total number of am-
poules issued?
(d) Is it not possible for the
Government to review the
prices of the vaccines and
sera made locally with a view
to reduction in price?
3. Dr. W. V. M. Koch, pursuant to
notice, will ask:—
Sanitation at Repulse Bay Beach.
(a) Will the Head of the San-
itary Department state what
measures are taken to super-
vise the Sanitary conditions
in and around the Bathing
Machines at Repulse Bay? Is
such supervision carried out
regularly and strictly?
(b) Would it not be possible
for the Government to
abolish these unseemly ma-
sheds, and erect suitable
bathing boxes, with appro-
priate sanitation which
would be more in keeping
with the surroundings?
4. Minute by the President re
the inclusion in the 1927 Esti-
mates of the various items in the
Public Works, Extraordinary.
5. Application for an Aerated
Water Manufactory Licence
at No. 204, Praya East, ground
floor.
6. Report from the Government
Bacteriologist on the Aber-
deen, Elliot, Pokfulam, Kow-
loon and Lai Chi Kok water
supplies for the month of
March, 1926.
7. Report from the Government
Analyst on the Aberdeen,
Elliot, West Point, Kowloon
and Lai Chi Kok water supplies
for the month of March, 1926.
8. Weekly Health Reports of
March 19 and 26, 1926, for the
Eastern Ports from the Prin-
cipal Civil Medical Officer.

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The P. & O. s.s. "Arafura" left
Moi for this port yesterday at p.m.
and is due here on April 4 at about
p.m.
The B. I. s.s. "Sanitia" left
Singapore for this port yesterday
at p.m. and is due here on April 5
at about a.m.

A Shantung constable was sent
to the Kowloon Hospital yester-
day. He was injured in a motor
accident at Coronation Road, the
car being driven by Mr. Colbourne
Little.

The lighting of a mosquito cur-
tain by a spark from a fire left
under a bed at No. 873, Queen's
Road, led to a small outbreak
yesterday afternoon. The fire was
extinguished by the police with-
out much damage.

SOCCER NOTES.

WHAT TO SEE DURING THE HOLIDAYS.

FIXTURES & COMMENT.

[By "Dutchie."]

For the Easter holidays, the
programme of soccer fixtures is as
follows:—

GOOD FRIDAY.

Sunday Herald Charity Cup com-
petition, semi-finals.
England v. South China, H.K.F.C.
ground, kick-off at 4 p.m. sharp.

SATURDAY.

Portuguese Interport.

Hongkong v. Shanghai, H.K.F.C.
ground, kick-off at 4 p.m. sharp.
League II (Sec. A.)
South China "A" v. Club de
Recreio Reserves, H.K.F.C. ground,
2.30 p.m.
League II (Sec. B.)
South China "C" v. University
Sookumpoo "A" ground, 3 p.m.

EASTER MONDAY.

Portuguese Festival.

Combined Portuguese XI v. "Rest
of the Colony," H.K.F.C. ground,
4 p.m.

WEDNESDAY.

Combined Portuguese XI v. South
China Athletic, H.K.F.C. ground,
4.30 p.m.

Owing to the Portuguese Inter-
port, there will be no senior league
games this week-end. There is,
however, one game in each of the
junior sections, both Chinese teams
(who are very much in arrears with
their fixtures) being engaged.

To-morrow, the attraction will be
on the Club ground, when the South
China team will try conclusions
with a team representing England,
for the honour of appearing in the
final of the "Sunday Herald Charity
Cup competition." The English
team is a very strong one, and
although the Chinese will have the
advantage of playing together as
a team, against what is practically
a strange combination, I think the
"Rose" country will qualify to meet
the Club de Recreio in the final
round.

On Saturday the local Portu-
guese will do battle with the Shang-
hai Portuguese team, and it is
hard to foretell the result. I had
the pleasure of seeing the Shang-
hai team out against South China
and I rather admired their com-
bination, although as stated in one
of the Shanghai papers, Colloco
shows too much individuality.
Their defence is exceptionally
strong, and are likely to keep the
local boys out from goal. With
regard to the local team, I hear
that both A. A. Remedios and
Goskno received injuries in the
Shield game last week, and are not
expected to be right up to concert
pitch. Apart from these, the team
is in good fettle, and training hard.
We all, naturally enough, hope that
the local representatives will win,
but what is more important, a good
and clean game is expected by the
public, and it is anticipated that
this will be realised.

On Monday a team composed
of the pick of the two Portuguese
sides, will meet a team chosen from
the "Rest of the Colony," and on
Wednesday, this same combination
will meet a team from the South
China Athletic Association.

For soccer enthusiasts, the attrac-
tions are of a first class order and
those who have made up their
minds to see these games will, I
am sure, not be disappointed in the
displays put up by the various
elevens. Booking for the reserved
seats for all these games can still
be made at Anderson's, or on the
ground each day.

On Saturday next, April 10, the
finals in the Shield competition
will take place on the Club ground.
The junior game between the
Surreys Reserves and the Club de
Recreio Reserves will start at 2.30
p.m. sharp, and in the event of a
draw at full time, an extra ten
minutes each way will be played.

The senior game between the
Surreys and Kowloon will follow
immediately after the junior game.
That is to say, the kick-off will be
at 4.30 p.m. sharp, and as in the
junior game, extra time will have
to be played if no decision is
reached after ninety minutes' play.

LEAGUE SOCCER.

In the Hongkong Football
League (division D) yesterday at
Sookumpoo, South China defeated
the Royal Artillery by the odd
goal in five. This match has no
bearing on the championship.

VALEDICTORY.

PRESENTATION TO ASSISTANT D.P.W.

DEPARTURE BY "MOREA."

On the occasion of his retire-
ment from the Public Works De-
partment with which he has been
connected for over 29 years, Mr.
A. H. Hollingsworth, Assistant
director of the P.W.D., was pre-
sented yesterday with beautiful
presents subscribed for by the
Chinese and European staffs. The
presentation took place at the
offices.

Mr. Hollingsworth leaves by
the s.s. "Morea" on Saturday.
Hon. Mr. T. H. Cressy, Director
of Public Works, spoke of the loyal
support Mr. Hollingsworth had
always given him, more particu-
larly during the early days of his
(Mr. Cressy's) appointment
when Mr. Hollingsworth's pre-
vious experience had been given
ungrudgingly.

His Excellency, who made the
presentation, also spoke of Mr.
Hollingsworth's long connection
with the Colony and the many
big scheme with which he had
been pre-eminently concerned in
bringing to a successful conclu-
sion. The first work he had been
connected with in the Colony had
been the building of the Wong-
neichung reservoir. His Ex-
cellency was sorry that his re-
turn to the Colony coincided with
the departure of Mr. Hollings-
worth because he hoped that
they might have spent many
happy days together during the
time he was holding the Govern-
ment. Mr. Hollingsworth had
been two years in the Colony
when he (His Excellency) first
arrived here.

Mr. Hollingsworth thanked the
staff for the presents and the
good feeling that had caused
them to be made and His Ex-
cellency for his kind reference.
He recalled the early days of the
P.W.D. in Hongkong and gave
figures showing its remarkable
growth. Although he was retir-
ing from the service he would
always watch with interest the
progress of work of the Colony
and hoped to see members of the
staff whom he had worked with
in Hongkong, promoted to posi-
tions of importance in other
Colonies as well as obtaining
their advancement in Hongkong.

SILK DUTIES.

OFFICIAL REPLY TO MALAYAN INQUIRY.

The question having arisen as
to the bearing of the silk duties
at Home on the personal effects of
Eastern residents proceeding to
leave, a formal inquiry was made
by Mr. Stamford Baffles, Com-
missioner of Trade and Customs,
F.M.S. The "Malay Mail" states
that he has received the following
reply from the Customs House,
London, dated February 19:—

Sir,—In reply to your letter of
the 4th ult., reference (5) in
T. and C. 1384/25, I am directed
by the Commissioners of Customs
and Excise to forward for your
information copies of an explana-
tory notice relating to the customs
duties on silk, and to state, with
reference to your enquiry regard-
ing the application of the duties
to the belongings of passengers
coming into the country, that in
practice duty is not charged on
any article of dress, etc., being
worn or carried by passengers as
part of their ordinary wearing ap-
parel, or on any article brought
into this country by passengers
who intend to make only a tem-
porary stay here, so long as the
quantities are reasonable in the
circumstances and the articles are
genuinely the property of the im-
porter and are intended only for
his or her personal wear or use.
It is necessary for the Customs
Officers at the ports to satisfy
themselves as to the facts, in
every case, and they usually do so
by oral questioning, but they may
require a signed declaration on an
official form which they supply to
the passengers.—Yours, etc., G. J.
Flynn.

HARBOUR OFFENCES.

For being on board the "Empress
of Russia" without permission, an
unemployed Chinese was this morn-
ing sentenced by the Marine
Magistrate (Lieut.-Com. G. F. Hole,
R.N.) to a month's hard labour.

The masters of the steam-
launches "Aeolus" and "Taikoo
Hing" were each fined \$5 for going
alongside the s.s. "Changtao" when
there were two other similar craft
already in that position.

For not observing the rule of the
road, the master of the s.s. "Kwong
Yat" was also fined \$5.

A cargo-boat mistress was fined
\$15 for not showing the regulation
navigation lights.

A Chinese removed to the
Kowloon Hospital with wounds in
the neck alleged that he was at-
tacked by three men at Gascoigne
Road yesterday afternoon.

CRISIS OVER?

WAVE OF PATRIOTIC
ENTHUSIASM

FRENCH FINANCE

(Reuter's Service.)

Paris, March 31.

The Chamber resumed the debate on the Government's financial proposals, and adopted the poll tax without a division. With certain amendments, including an amendment by M. Abbe Lemire authorising persons exempt from the poll tax to make a voluntary donation of a minimum of twenty francs, thus enabling the French people at home and in the Colonies practically to demonstrate their patriotism.

M. Peret, Minister of Finance, warmly seconded.

The Chamber was suddenly carried away by a wave of patriotic enthusiasm, and voted not only the amendment but the tax without a division.

Socialists Decision.

The Socialist Party has decided not to vote against the Government, but to abstain from voting when the resolution of confidence is proposed, in order not to provoke a Ministerial crisis.

It is believed that this decision will assure a Government majority in the Chamber for the Finance Bill, including the much-criticised increase in the turnover tax.

EMPIRE PRODUCE.

GRANT OF HALF A MILLION
ANNOUNCED

TO PROMOTE SALES.

(British Wireless Service.)

Rugby, March 31.

Mr. L. M. S. Amery, Secretary of State for the Dominions, stated in the House of Commons that the Government had decided to set aside a sum of half a million sterling for the financial year 1926-7 for the purpose of promoting the sale in this country of Empire produce.

The full sum of one million would be provided in the financial year 1927-8.

A Commission would be set up to administer the grant, which would be in the form of a grant-in-aid.

It would be a direction to the new body that Home agricultural produce should be included for the grant. An additional member would be appointed by the Government to the Imperial Economic Committee as representative of Home agricultural interests.

LONGER WEEK.

DECISION OF MASTER COTTON
SPINNERS.

OVERWHELMING MAJORITY.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, March 31.

The ballot of the Federation of Master Cotton Spinners' Association of Manchester has resulted in an overwhelming majority in favour of extending the working hours in the American yarn spinning section from 30½ to 35 weekly.

STEEL SUBSIDIES.

NEW JAPANESE LAW NOW
IN FORCE.

(Reuter's Service.)

Tokyo, March 31.

An official "Gazette" promulgates the Steel Subsidy Act for the encouragement and protection of the pig iron industry by subsidy instead of tariff.

Subsidies range from five to six yen per ton, according to output.

GIFT FOR SPAIN.

INSTITUTE OF PHYSICAL
CHEMISTRY.

(Reuter's Service.)

Madrid, March 31.

The Government has accepted the gift of the Rockefeller Institute of \$420,000 to build an Institute of physical chemistry in Spain.

INFLAMMATORY!

FOUR JAPANESE STUDENTS
ARRESTED.

(Reuter's Service.)

Tokyo, March 31.

It is reported that four students of the Imperial University were arrested on suspicion of taking part in the dissemination of inflammatory literature.

GENEVA DEBACLE.

CHAMBERLAIN'S PERSONAL
VIEW OF BRAZIL

ELECTIONERING MOVE?

(Reuter's Service.)

London, March 30.

Sir Austen Chamberlain, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, conferred for an hour and a half with the Parliamentary Committee of the League of Nations Union, including members of three political parties. He spoke with greater freedom than during the debate in the House of Commons following the Geneva breakdown, and made a more favourable impression.

It is understood that Sir Austen Chamberlain stated that no European Power was behind Brazil, his personal view being that the impending Presidential election in Brazil had something to do with the Brazilian attitude.

BIG DELEGATION.

AMERICANS TO DISCUSS
DISARMAMENT.

(Reuter's Service.)

Geneva, March 30.

The United States Commission to the preparatory Disarmament Commission meeting on May 1 will include Mr. Hugh S. Gibson.



Mr. H. S. Gibson.

Minister to Switzerland; Mr. Allen W. Dulles, Chairman of the Division for Near Eastern Affairs in the Department of State; Admiral Hilary Jones, Rear-Admiral Andrew Long, and Major-General Dennis Nolan.

IN MOROCCO.

ABD EL KRIM INCLINED
TO NEGOTIATE?

(Havas Agency.)

Paris, March 31.

The "Petit Parisien" writes that Abd el Krim seems to realise the situation more correctly, and to admit he could negotiate, but with a united France and Spain.

He would be even disposed to accept the Sultan's suzerainty. M. Briand, M. Painleve, M. Steeg, and Marshal Pétain held a conference yesterday and examined the eventuality of peace, if Abd el Krim decided to negotiate, and the eventuality of a new campaign if he continues his threats.

FIRE ON A SHIP.

850 BALES OF COTTON
DAMAGED.

(Reuter's Service.)

Colombo, March 31.

The fire on the "Sumatra Maru" has been extinguished. About 850 bales have been discharged, of which 850 bear indistinguishable marks owing to damage by fire and steam.

Discharge is continuing, and the surveyors recommend that damaged cargo should be re-shipped to Bombay for reconditioning, as there are no facilities here.

FASCIST COUNCIL.

OVERHAUL OF POLITICAL
SITUATION.

(Reuter's Service.)

Rome, March 31.

Deputy Turati, a member of the National Directorate, was appointed to succeed Signor Farinacci, as Secretary-General, at a meeting of the Fascist Grand Council, attended by Signor Mussolini, which sat all night long and broke up at 5.30 in the morning, after a thorough overhaul of the political situation.

TIDE RECEDES.

RALLY ON NEW YORK STOCK
MARKET

TONE STEADIER

(Reuter's American Service.)

New York, March 31.

With the recent tide of liquidation apparently receding, the Stock Market successfully withstood renewed selling attacks to-day against railway equipment shares and various specialties.

The prices of many popular issues rallied from three to ten points.

The movement is not associated with anything in the day's news.

The bull operators were encouraged by the weekly steel trade reviews which emphasised that the break in prices was not accompanied by the usual widespread cancellation of orders.

The tone at the close was steadier.

BRITISH FINANCE.

ESTIMATE OF THE REVENUE
EXCEEDED.

BELOW EXPENDITURE.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, March 31.

The Exchequer returns for the fiscal year ended March 31 show that the revenue totalled £312,000,000 and the expenditure chargeable against revenue totalled £285,000,000.

Mr. Winston Churchill, Chancellor of the Exchequer, estimated the revenue at £291,000,000.

That Coal Subsidy! But for the coal subsidy which added £19,000,000 to expenditure, Mr. Churchill's first Budget would have shown a surplus of nearly £25,000,000.

AIRSHIP POLICY.

CONSULTATION WITH THE
DOMINIONS.

(British Wireless Service.)

Rugby, March 31.

Sir Samuel Hoare, Secretary of State for Air, said in the House of Commons that he proposed to bring forward the question of airship policy for the consideration of the Dominions at the Imperial Conference, which is to be held in the Autumn.

MANILA FLIGHT.

THREE AEROPLANES LEAVING
SPAIN.

CABINET AUTHORITY.

(Reuter's Service.)

Madrid, March 31.

The Cabinet has authorised a flight in the Spring from Madrid to Manila by Captains Martinez, Gonzalez, and Loriga in three Breguet aeroplanes.

Danish Airmen.

Calcutta, March 31.

The Danish airmen have arrived here on their flight to Tokio.

RUBBER MARKET.

LATEST QUOTATIONS.

Messrs. Carrol Bros. have been advised by cable from Singapore that the price of Rubber is now 95 cents per lb, and that the Malakoff Rubber Co. and the Tambalak Rubber Estates have each declared a 15 per cent. Interim Dividend. Quotations follow:—

	Straits.
Allenbys	\$3.40
Alor Gajats	3.00
Amalgamated Malays	4.90
Ayer Moleks	3.00
Ayer Panas	14.50
Balgownie	4.50
Bassette	1.50
Brogas	1.85
Bukit Jelotong	1.40
Bukit Katils	1.45
Changkat Serdangs	9.50
Connemaras	2.60
Glencalles	2.00
Indragiris	10.00
Jerams	1.75 x d.
Jimabs	2.50
Kedabs	4.60
Kempas	10.50
Kuala Sidims	4.30
Lunas	4.40
Malaka Pindas	3.25
Malakoffs	5.00
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Mayfields	15.00
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New Serendabs	4.85
Pajamas	14.50
Punggors	1.40
Sandycrofts	4.50
Scudals	3.25
Sungei Bagans	4.50
Tapahs	20.00
Tambalaks	1.45
Teluk Ansons	15.00
United Malaccas	3.10
Utah Simpans	4.75

INDIAN AFFAIRS.

ROYAL COMMISSION ON
AGRICULTURE

PERSONNEL ANNOUNCED

(British Wireless Service.)

Rugby, March 31.

The India Office states: "It was announced on January 20 that His Majesty the King had approved the constitution of a Royal Commission on agriculture in India. The terms of reference were published at the same time.

His Majesty has now been pleased to approve that the Commission shall be composed of the following:

The Marquess of Lialthgow, Chairman.

Mr. Hubert Calvert, Indian Civil Service.

Nogendranath Gangulu, Professor of Agriculture, and Rural Economy Calcutta University.

Lordi Karim, Hyder, Professor of Economics, Aligarh University.

Balkrishna Sitaram Kamat.

Sir Henry Staveland Lawrence, acting Governor of Bombay.

Sir James MacKenna, Indian Civil Service.

Sir Thomas Middleton.

Raja Srikrishna Chandra Gajapati Narayana Deo Garu, Raja of Purlakmed.

Raj Bahadur Sir Ganga Ram.

Sir Thomas Middleton was professor of Agriculture at Baroda College, India, from 1889 to 1896.

He has since occupied the Chairs of Agriculture at a number of British Universities, including Cambridge. He was Assistant Secretary to the Board of Agriculture in this country from 1906 to 1919.

PRINCESS ILL.

KING AND QUEEN REMAIN IN
LONDON.

NO WINDSOR VISIT.

(British Wireless Service.)

Rugby, March 31.

In consequence of the illness of H.R.H. Princess Victoria, His Majesty the King has cancelled the removal of the Court to Windsor, which had been fixed for tomorrow.

The King and Queen will remain in London until further notice.

MEDICAL BULLETIN.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, March 31.

An official Bulletin says that Princess Victoria slept for some hours. Her temperature remains high; the condition of the heart is unchanged; but the cough is less troublesome.

MIANGAS ISLAND.

DISPUTE REGARDING ITS
POSSESSION.

NOTES EXCHANGED.

(Reuter's Service.)

The Hague, March 31.

The Dutch and United States Governments have exchanged Notes in connection with the dispute for possession of the Island of Miangas, which was recently referred to the Permanent Court of Arbitration, with Professor Max Huber as Arbitrator.

BRILLIANT!

CHINESE HONoured BY CLASS
MATES

FUTURE ASSURED

(Reuter's American Service.)

Newhaven, March 31.

The class mates of Ana Yung Kwai, of the Sheffield Scientific School at Yale University, have voted him the most brilliant man of his class and one of two most likely to succeed in life. He is a son of the Counsellor of the Chinese Legation in Washington.

RUSSIAN SPIES.

LIFE SENTENCES PASSED IN
REVAL.

LEGATION STAFF INVOLVED.

(Reuter's Service.)

Reval, March 31.

Sentences of penal servitude for life have been passed on two persons found guilty of espionage on behalf of Russia. Three others received shorter terms.

Two of the accused were on the Russian Legation staff and received a regular salary, also extra fees.

The principal accused was the Secretary of the Legation, who had been exchanged for an Estonian prisoner who was under sentence of death in Russia.

Shadows Before.

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED
IN THE "MAIL."

Entertainments.

April 1—Queen's Theatre: Jackie Coogan in "A Boy of Flanders."

April 1—Star Theatre: Carl Laemmle in "A Woman's Faith."

April 1—World Theatre: Ethel Clayton in "The Sham."

April 10—Carnival at Repulse Bay Hotel.

Sports.

April 2—"Sunday Herald" Charity Cup competition, semi-finals, H.K.F.C. ground 4 p.m.

April 3—"Extra" race meeting of the Hongkong Jockey Club, 2.30 p.m.

April 3—Portuguese Interport football, Hongkong v. Shanghai, 4 p.m., H.K.F.C. ground.

April 5—Fanning Hunt Steeplechase meeting at Kwant' race course, near Fanning (New Territories).

April 7—Portuguese Interport football, Portugal v. China, 4.30 p.m., H.K.F.C. ground.

May 1—"Extra" race meeting of the Hongkong Jockey Club.

June 5—"Extra" race meeting of the Hongkong Jockey Club.

October 2—"Extra" race meeting of the Hongkong Jockey Club.

November 6—"Extra" race meeting of the Hongkong Jockey Club.

Miscellaneous.

April 2—Vocal and instrumental Recital in St. John's Cathedral at 9.15 p.m.

April 7—Second meeting of the Kowloon Golf Club, at Central British School, Nathan Road, Kowloon, 8.15 p.m.

April 7—Wah Yan College prize distribution, Theatre Royal, 6.15 p.m.

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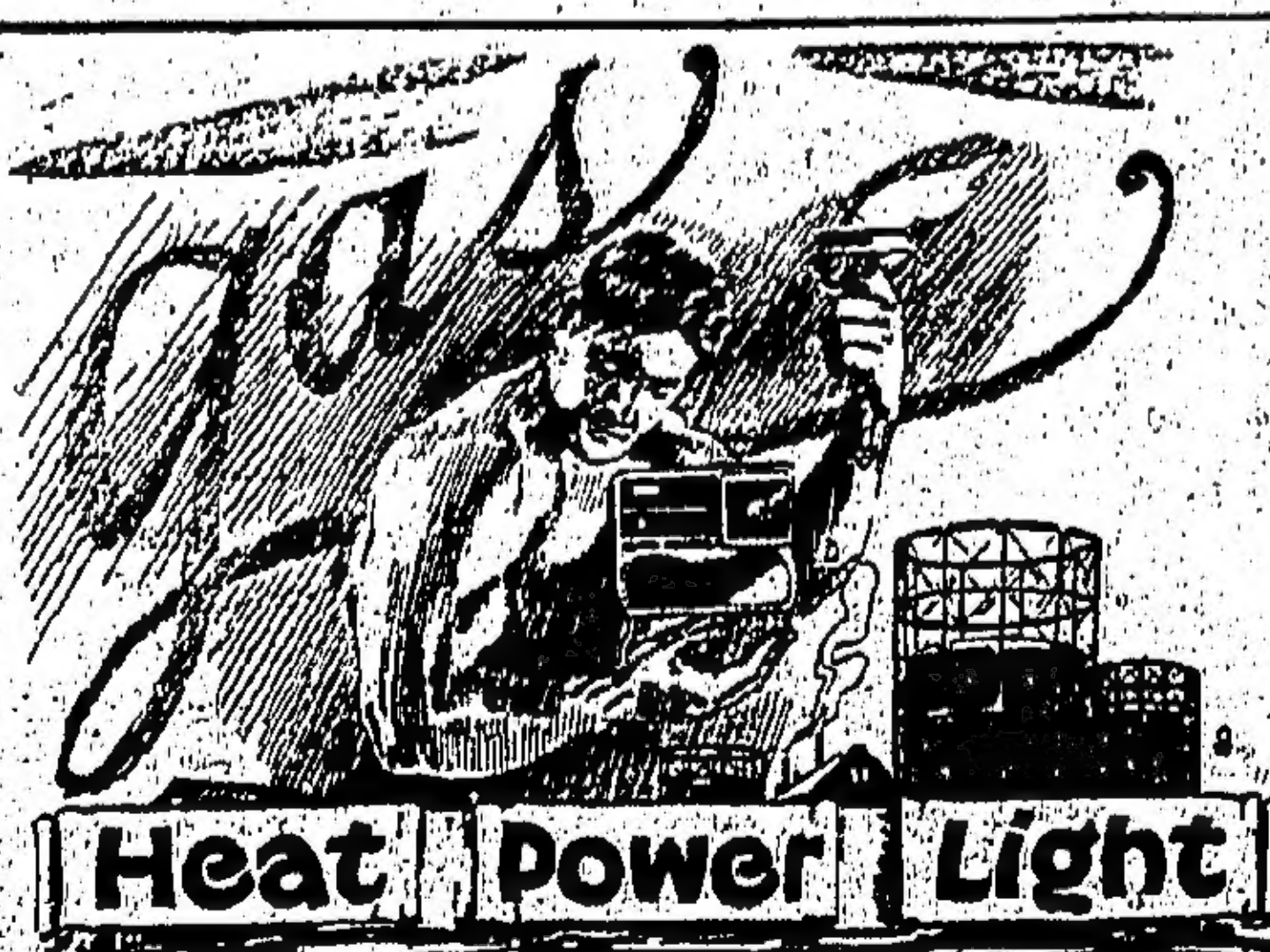
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HOME FOOTBALL.

SUNDERLAND LOSE MATCH AT HOME.

CARDIFF SURPRISE.

(Reuter's Service.)

Sunderland, March 31.
Playing at home in the First Division of the English League, Sunderland were defeated by Cardiff City by three goals to one.

REVISED TABLE.

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Huddersfield	35	20	10	5	41	40	50
Arsenal	34	18	7	9	32	42	43
Sunderland	36	18	6	12	34	47	42
Bury	35	17	4	14	24	73	33
Sheffield U.	35	15	7	13	38	72	37
Everton	37	10	17	10	65	65	32
Blackburn	37	10	14	13	28	70	32
Manchester U.	34	12	11	11	33	31	36
Liverpool	34	12	11	11	33	31	35
Aston Villa	34	12	11	11	33	31	35
Bolton W.	32	14	10	8	28	63	34
Newcastle U.	34	12	10	12	28	63	34
Leicester	37	13	8	16	37	64	34
Tottenham	35	13	8	14	37	64	34
Cardiff City	35	14	6	15	32	55	34
W. Bromwich	35	12	8	15	32	55	32
Birmingham	35	12	8	15	32	55	32
Leeds U.	35	12	7	16	37	65	31
West Ham	35	13	5	17	36	67	31
Notts County	35	9	16	10	45	57	27
Burnley	34	9	16	9	42	57	27
Manchester C.	35	8	16	11	74	36	27

HOME RUGGER.

RESULTS AHEAD OF THE MAIL.

MERION'S ROSE AGAIN.

(via Colombo.)

London, March 31.

Results of the principal matches played to-day in the Rugby Union are as follows:—
The Army 19, Richmond 26, (at Aldershot).
Birkenhead Park 49, Headingly 3.
Blackheath 23, Bath 6.
Bradford 6, Corby 17.
Devonport Services 21, Llanelli 6.
London Scottish 18, Portsmouth Services 14.
Old Leysians 44, Rowing Park 3.
Old Merchants 5, Harlequins 8.
Plymouth 22, Blackheath 8.
Pontypool 11, Bristol 19.
Cardiff 11, Penarth 6.
Watsonians 12, Edinburgh Acad 7.
Hillheadians 10, Edinburgh Inst. 11.
Heriotians 10, Glasgow H. S. 12.
Glasgow Acad. 31, Jed Forest 5.
In the semi-final of the county championship, Yorkshire beat Leicestershire by 27 points to 11 at Headingly.

HOME GOLF.

PROFESSIONALS DEFEAT AMATEURS.

SOME "BIG" MATCHES.

(via Colombo.)

London, March 31.

At St. George's Hill, Weybridge the Surrey professionals beat Surrey amateurs by 14 matches to 9.
The most notable singles were those in which Sir Ernest Holderness beat George Duncan by 3 and 2; A. G. Havers beat Roger Wethered, 5 and 4; and Major Hezelet beat George Gadd, 6 and 5.
In the foursomes Holderness and Wethered beat Duncan and Johns by 2 and 1; Havers and Gadd beat Major Hezelet and Douglas Grant, 2 and 1.
The Walker Cup players were in good form.
Sir Ernest Holderness, who captained the amateurs, beat Duncan on his merits.
They turned square. Holderness took the next two holes, including a 2 at the 11th.
Duncan, with glorious shots, squared the game at the 13th. Then followed disastrous putting and driving. He took three putts at the 14th, missed one of less than a yard at the 15th, and drove out of bounds at the 16th and 17th holes.
The following will represent the Volunteers against the Hongkong Cricket Club on Saturday at 10.30 a.m. on the H.K.C.C. ground:—E. J. R. Mitchell (capt.), A. K. Mackenzie, H. Owen Hughes, A. C. I. Bowker, J. C. Lyle, A. W. Ramsay, E. C. Fincher, H. V. Parker, S. J. H. C. Burgess and F. E. Lawrence.

WITH THE HUNT.

FOX-HUNTING PROSPECTS AT FANLING.

EXCELLENT SPORT.

(Reuter's Service.)

Excellent sport was enjoyed last week-end with this pack.
Meeting on Saturday at Sheung-shui police station, the Master (Mr. H. Bickett) moving off towards Telegraph Hill drew for a fox. After drawing the range of hills right down to above Kwant's stables, an excellent hunting line was enjoyed by all back to Sheungshui. The Master then moved off and drew Montagu ridge for a fox.

After a longish draw, the pack was being taken home when Gloworm waking the side of a hill spoke to the line of a fox and the pack went away up the hill. Gloworm and Renter leading. The country being impossible for horses, the second whip went on with hounds on foot, and hounds ran the line over a saddle and down the other side. The rest of the field going round the foothills, viewed the fox, a fine big grey fellow, but after being hunted slowly on a falling scent for about 40 minutes, the Master, on a lame pony, blew hounds "home." With the advent of a few more real foxhounds from England and Wales next winter, some real good sport for keen fox-hunters should be assured.

On Sunday, in spite of the somewhat inclement weather, three excellent drag lines were enjoyed by a small but select field, round the Lok-Ma-Chow valley and some new country run over. With the flooding of the padi, the country may become a little cramped, but for keen followers there is no reason why excellent hunting should not be enjoyed round the many existing foothills, even though the Meets may have to be somewhat further afield.

The steeplechase meeting on April 6, with its vastly improved course and accommodation for the public, should be attended by all those who take a real interest in horses. There are no large money prizes to be gained to pay stable bills, but like the excellent Point-to-Point meetings, many have witnessed at home, the ponies are run purely in the interest of the public and their sporting and hunting owners, many of whom will ride their own ponies considerably overweight, sooner than farm them out to lighter and perhaps (who knows?) better jockeys.—Contributed.

MORE SURPRISES.

EX-TENNIS CHAMPION DEFEATED.

CHINESE PLAYER OUT.

Two more surprises have been registered in the H.K.C.C. tennis tournament.

Ho Ka-lau, who has represented China at the Far Eastern Olympiad (and is looked upon by some as the next best in the Chinese R.C. to Ng Sze-kwong) went down to M. K. Lo yesterday. The winner was in his best form and Ho played erratically.

S. E. Green, the "evergreen" ex-champion lost, after the full five sets, to a Japanese player.

Full results follow:—
Open Singles (1st round):—N. Nomura beat J. R. Craig 6-2, 6-2, 6-1.
Open Singles (2nd round):—T. Akiyama beat S. E. Green 3-6, 6-2, 6-3, 6-0. M. K. Lo beat Ho Ka-lau 6-0, 6-4, 6-1. Major W. B. Stevenson beat Hung Hual-chen 6-0, 6-1, 6-4.

Club Championship (2nd round):—A. S. Hett beat L. Baines 8-6, 6-1, 7-5.
Handicap Doubles (3rd round):—W. L. Dunbar and W. Lyons (owe 1-6) beat Captain R. H. P. West and Lt.-Col. F. S. Montague Bates 6-3, 3-6, 6-4.

To-day's Fixtures.
Open Singles (1st round):—Lim Peng-chin v. W. B. Cornaby (2nd round):—G. W. Sewell v. Yew Mantun.
Handicap Singles "A" (1st round):—Dr. D. J. Valentine (rec. 1-6) v. J. A. Summers (scr.), T. H. J. Larkecom (rec. 1-6) v. C. C. Stark (rec. 2-6). R. E. Greenamith (rec. 6-6) v. H. Owen Hughes (owe 2-6).
Handicap Singles "B" (2nd round):—W. M. Lyons (owe 15-2) v. Rev. T. B. Powell (owe 15). O. C. Wornack (owe 15) v. A. J. Hazeland (rec. 15).
Handicap Doubles (1st round):—T. H. King and C. G. Perdue (scr.) v. Pay-Com. Churcher and Lt. Col. Mackintosh (owe 1-6).

SCHOOL SPORTS.

ST. STEPHEN'S COLLEGE EVENTS.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS.

St. Stephen's College held their annual athletic sports at the Hongkong Football Club ground yesterday.
In asking Mrs. C. R. Duppy (wife of the Bishop of Victoria) to give away the prizes, the Rev. W. H. Hewitt (principal) remarked that this was the first function of the kind which Mrs. Duppy had attended. The College had not been favoured with such propitious weather for several years, said Mr. Hewitt.

Results follow:—
Junior 120 yards (championship).—1. Chiu Ying-poi; 2. Thong Lor. Senior 120 yards (championship).—1. U Pak-him; 2. Yip Wing-kwok.

100 yards (open).—Yip Wing-kwok; 2. Long Chi-nam. Small boys' 100 yards.—1. Leung Kai-wing; 2. Chau Cham-wing. High jump (junior).—1. Leung Kwok-chung; 2. Thong Lor. High jump (senior).—1. Yip Wing-kwok; 2. Kwong Chi-nam. Staff race.—1. Mr. T. J. Price; 2. Rev. E. W. L. Martin. 220 yards (junior).—1. Thong Lor; 2. Shiu Kin-cho. 200 yards (senior).—1. U Pak-him; 2. Sam Chi-shin. Small boys' maths. race.—1. Chau Cham-wing; 2. Ling Shung-kuk.

Long jump (senior).—1. Cheung Sek-tung; 2. Sam Tze-shu. Long jump (junior).—1. Cheung Sek-chiu; 2. Chiu Jan-shau. 440 yards (junior).—1. Thong Lor; 2. Shiu Kin-cho. 400 yards (senior).—1. Ng Chak-kwan; 2. U Pak-him. Old boys' race.—1. Lim Ping-jun; 2. Lo Kwong-him.

Egg and spoon race (small boys).—1. Wan Kit-choi; 2. Lau Po-wing. Half mile (open).—1. Ng Wing-tung; 2. Lo Wing-doh. Three-legged race.—1. Yau Kwok-kun and Li Kwok-choi; 2. Lau Po-wing and Wong Kai-wing.

One mile bicycle race.—1. Leung Kee-shui; 2. Lau Cheung-shak. Kindergarten race.—1. David Lynn; 2. To Shu-yo. Visitors' race (open to H. K. school).—1. Li Ping-tong (Queen's College); 2. C. Figueiredo (St. Joseph's College).

One mile (handicap).—1. Ng Wing-san; 2. Li Hua-kia. Putting the shot.—1. Yip Wing-kwok; 2. Chung Sek-tung. Night school race.—1. Yau Hong-shing; 2. Chan Shu-on.

Hurdle race (junior).—1. Thong Lor; 2. Chiu Jan-shau. Hurdle race (senior).—1. Chung Sek-tung; 2. Li Hua-kia. Form flag race.—1. Remove Form. Form tug-of-war.—1st, 2nd and 3rd forms defeated the Remove and 4th forms by two straight pulls.

Individual championship (senior).—U Pak-him. Individual championship (junior).—Thong Lor. Senior championship: U Pak-him 13 points; runner-up Yip Wing-kwok and Chung Sek-tung, 10 points each.

Junior championship.—Thong Lor 22 points; runner-up Shiu Kin-cho 20 points.

RUGGER MATCH.

A rugby football match will be played between the Club and H.M.S. "Durban" to-day, kick off 5.30 p.m. sharp. The following will represent the Club XV:—H. J. Armstrong; G. P. Lammett; A. C. I. Bowker; L. M. S. Lloyd; A. Mackenzie; A. Gordon; B. Stephenson; J. Foster; R. Millar; P. O'Connor; Lieut. Gould; J. Gerard; G. Thompson; D. Ralph; G. Billingham; Reserves, G. Oxlade. The "Durban" side will be captained by Lieut.-Com. Mackenzie, the old Scottish international.

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COAL CHARTER.

VIEWS ON COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

THE WAY TO PEACE.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, March 30.

A full month remains for the miners, and owners to indicate whether they are prepared to give and take and accept the Coal Commission's report in order to secure peace in the coal fields.

Whilst Mr. S. Baldwin, Prime Minister, has intimated that the Government has accepted the report in toto, in spite of the fact that certain recommendations are directly opposed to the Government's traditions, the owners and miners up to now have studiously avoided statements that might tend to show their willingness to grant concessions, although Mr. A. J. Cook, the Secretary of the Miners' Federation, has on numerous occasions loudly proclaimed that the miners' wages cannot be touched.

Briefly, the owners regard a reduction in wages as an eminently appropriate step to re-organise the industry, but they doubt the advisability of other recommendations.

Fly in 'The Ointment'. The miners favour the report, but wage reductions are held to be the indubitable fly in the ointment.

Direct negotiations open to-day between the Mining Association and the Miners' Federation.

Some anxiety is felt regarding the apparent uncompromising attitude of certain of the miners' leaders, but it is hoped that, following a frank talk, a clear idea will be obtained of exactly what portions of the Coal Commission's report the two sides are disposed to adopt as the basis of a new agreement.

Mining Charter.

The consensus of opinion is that the report constitutes a magnificent charter of the mining industry, by means of which disadvantages at present apparent will be completely outweighed by the advantages ultimately to be secured.

NOTHING TO REPORT.

Five Hours' Conference.

(British Wireless Service.)

Rugby, March 31.
The Central Committee of the coal owners and the Executive of the Miners' Federation met in joint conference to-day to discuss the report of the Coal Commission.

After a sitting lasting five hours the meeting was adjourned until to-morrow.

Representatives of both sides declared that they had nothing to report.

CONFLICT FORESHADOWED.

London, March 12.

Whilst responsible leaders are at present reluctant to pass judgment on the Coal Commission's report, the flood of comment on it from miners' sources indicates a grim struggle between conflicting opinion in the near future.

Mr. Ashton, Secretary of the Lancashire and Cheshire Miners' Federation, expressed the opinion that "the Commission has done nothing to help the situation. We expected something altogether different."

Strong disapproval was expressed by some Labour M.P.s. For instance, Mr. J. Batey (Durham) said:—"It is utterly impossible for the miners to accept the recommendations." He declared that the miners would undoubtedly fight this time, "and it will be one of the bitterest industrial fights that ever happened in Great Britain." He added that unless the subsidy was continued there would be a complete collapse.

Mr. J. Guest (Hemsworth, Yorks) said: "Any attempt to lower the wage standard will be resisted and will cause serious industrial conflict."

Dr. Grenfell (Glamorgan) also emphasised that the present minimum wage cannot be lowered and the subsidy must be continued.

Mr. Justice Sankar, who was Chairman of the 1919 Coal Commission, which recommended nationalisation of the coal industry, thought that the report "was an effort to postpone the inevitable."

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STEPHEN LEACOCK.
Stephen Leacock, a humorist and McGill University professor, will devote his fortune to assisting to find a cure for cancer. Leacock's wife died of cancer recently.

BLACKNESS MORE INTENSE.

London, March 11.

Mr. Vernon Hartshorn, President of the South Wales Miners' Federation, a former Postmaster-General, commenting on the coal report, said:—"The report does nothing but make the blackness more intense. It is simply a pronouncement. We have reached a stage where nothing but a deadlock can ensue. A settlement on the basis of this report is impossible. It will be the greatest surprise in my life if the Miners' Federation wasted five minutes in discussing it either with the coal-owners or the Government. I shall use all my efforts to prevent even a discussion of the proposal."—Times of Ceylon.

A Way of Escape. The Daily News thinks that the report offers a way of escape out of the difficulties with which the industry is confronted. There is a prospect of future prosperity, a prospect of future prosperity, a prospect of future prosperity, a prospect of future prosperity.

The paper emphasises the unanimity of the report, which it declares, whilst not making startling discoveries, has succeeded in destroying some familiar shibboleths and grounds for re-creation.

The paper lays stress on the decisive rejection of nationalisation and the continuance of the subsidy, and urges the Government to accept the report as a whole and proceed to work on it.

"Taken as a whole," comments the Manchester Guardian, "the report seems likely to cause unalloyed satisfaction to nobody, and it is likely to be highly unpopular with the men on whom the burden mainly lies." It thinks the recommendation that the Government should buy out the royalty of the owners, subsidise research and assist in the transfer of labour to economic pits, may prove unwelcome to Mr. Baldwin's supporters.

Little Solace. The Daily Telegraph expresses the opinion that the mine-owners draw very little solace from any part of the Coal Commission's report. For a verdict is given against their contentions on nearly every head, though this does not imply that it is given for the other side. The brutal fact has to be faced that, in the last quarter of 1925, 73 per cent. of the coal was produced at a loss.

The Daily Chronicle considers the outlook dark. For even if the miners agreed to the proposed reduction in wages, which is unlikely, if it should not be equal to the amount of the subsidy which the employers are now drawing, the paper is of the opinion that the nation is not likely to escape either a stoppage or a subsidy, or both.

The Daily Herald is disposed to be reticent pending the collection of authoritative Labour views, but permits itself to think that the miners will be greatly disappointed in the proposed reductions in their wages.

A Real Compromise. The Westminster Gazette regards the report as a real compromise effort.

The Morning Post says that most people cordially agree that the coal subsidy is unsound and unfair on other industries, and should cease. The paper, however, does not see eye to eye with the Commission with regard to the proposed State acquisition of mineral royalties.

This view is strongly adopted by the Daily Express which declares that the nationalisation of royalties cannot take a farthing off the price of coal.

The Daily Mail considers the prospects of an agreement hopeful if goodwill is shown on both sides.

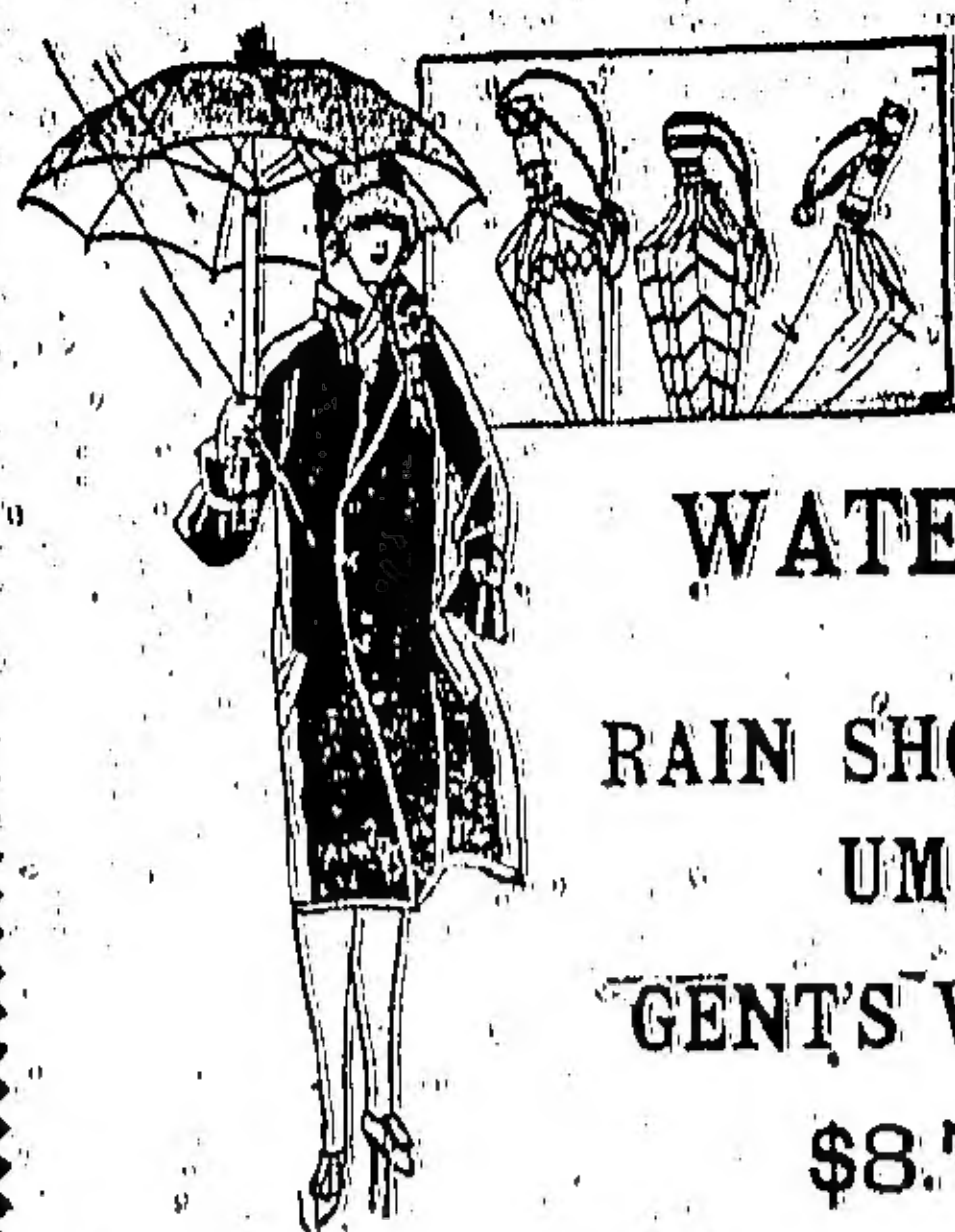
The views hitherto expressed of the coal-owners reflect the reverse of satisfaction with the report.

LOCAL SHARE MARKET.

OFFICIAL QUOTATIONS.

HONGKONG, APRIL 1, 1926, 10.30 A.M.

Names.	Hongkong Stock Exchange.	Hongkong Sharebrokers' Association.	Bankers & Real Estate.
T.T. on London	2 3/4	2 3/4	2 3/4
T.T. on Shanghai	76 3/4	76 3/4	nom.
Hongkong Bank	1055 b 1057	1055 b	\$1055 b.
do. London	2125 n 2125a	2125 n	\$125 n.
Chartered Bank	23 1/2 n	23 1/2 n.	—
Mercantile Bank, A. & B.	230 b	230 n.	—
do. C.	213 1/2 n	213 1/2 n.	—
P. & O. Bank	204 n	204 n.	—
Bank of East Asia	\$80 b.	\$80 b.	\$80 b.
Marine Insurance.	620 b.	620 b.	\$620 b.
Canton Insurance	1 05 b 2 sa	2 b.	2 b.
China Underwriters	T 145 n.	140 n.	\$280 b.
North China Insurance	281 b.	280 b.	—
Union Insurance	42 n.	44 1/2 b.	—
Yangtze Insurance	—	—	—
Fire Insurance.	—	—	—
China Fire Insurance	170 b.	165 b.	—
H.K. Fire Insurance	550 b.	550 b.	540 b.
Shipping.	—	—	—
Douglases	28 n.	28 s.	28 b.
Hongkong Steamboats	24 1/2 b.	25 b.	25 1/2 b.
H.K. Tugs & Lighters	24 n.	25 1/2 b.	25 1/2 b.
Indo-Chinas (Pref.)	38 n.	30 n.	37 n.
do. (Def.) Ltd.	40 n.	—	45 s.
do. () Hk.	—	45 n.	—
Oriental Navigation	250 n.	250 n.	—
Shell Transport	37 1/2 b.	36 1/2 n.	36 1/2 n.
Star Ferries	\$63 b.	64 1/4 n.	\$63 b.
Water-boats	15 n.	15 n.	15 1/2 n.
Refineries.	—	—	—
China Sugars	24 n.	25 s.	23 s.
Malabon Sugars	35 n.	35 n.	50 n.
Mining.	—	—	—
Banquets	134 n.	—	—
Kailash Mining Ad.	42 1/2 b.	42 1/2 n.	47 1/2 n.
Lankatas (Combined)	23 b.	T23 b.	T23 b.
do. (Single)	12 b 12/12/10	11 b.	—
Shanghai Exploration	5 s. [sa]	5 n.	—
Shanghai Loan	7 n.	7 n.	—
Rauba	\$5 b.	\$5 b.	5 1/2 s.
Tromoh Mines	61 1/2 b.	61 1/2 b.	—
Ural Caspian	8 1/2 n.	—	—
Docks, Wharves Godowns, &c.	—	—	—
H.K. & K. Wharves	\$131 b.	131 b.	\$132 n.
H.K. & W. Docks	60 n.	62 1/2 n.	63 n.
Hongkows	T162 1/2 b.	160 b.	160 b.
New Engineering	5 n.	T 5 1/2 b.	5 1/2 n.
Shanghai Docks	105 b.	105 b.	105 b.
Lands, Hotels & Bldgs.	—	—	—
H.K. & S. Hotels (old)	10 1/2 b.	10 30 n.	10 1/2 n.
do. (new)	—	—	—
Hongkong Lands	67 sa.	67 1/2 b.	67 b. & sa.
H.K. Realty	6 b.	5 b.	5 b.
H.K. Territorials	34 n.	6 n.	6 s.
Humphreys Estates	14 1/2 b 15 sa	15 b.	15 b.
Princes Building	100 n.	100 s.	—
Rural Lands	7 n.	—	—
Cotton Mills.	—	—	—
Two Cotton	9 1/2 b. 10 sa.	T9 55 b.	T9 1/2 b.
Oriental	2 65 b.	2 90 b.	2 b.
Shanghai Cottons (old)	55 b.	54 b.	52 b.
do. (new)	28 b.	27 b.	26 b.
Miscellaneous.	—	—	—
Canton Ice	\$7 1/2 n.	\$7 s.	\$ 7 n.
Cement (comb.)	16 1/2 n.	16 b.	16 1/2 n.
do. (old)	13 b.	13 1/2 b.	13 1/2 b.
do. (new)	3 b.	2 1/2 b.	3 1/2 b.
China Buses	10 s.	—	—
China Lights (comb.)	21 b.	20 b 20 3/4 s.	21 b.
do. (old)	15 b.	15 b.	15 b.
do. (new)	11 1/2 s.	12 b.	12 b.
China Prov. (comb.)	—	—	—
do. (old)	7 1/2 s.	7 1/2 n.	7 1/2 s.
do. (new)	—	—	—
Dairy Farms	20 n.	19 1/2 b.	19 1/2 s.
Der A Wing (full pd.)	10 n.	8 s.	—
do. (part pd.)	—	—	—
Hongkong Amusements.	11 1/2 b.	11 1/2 b.	—
H.K. Constructions	2 1/2 s.	3 s.	4 s.
Hongkong Electric	64 1/2 n.	64 1/2 sa.	65 s.
H.K. Developments	25 cts n.	30 cts n.	25 cts n.
H.K. Ropes (comb.)	30 s.	—	32 s.
do. (old)	10 1/2 n.	10 1/2 n.	11 s.
do. (new)	5 1/2 n.	5 1/2 n.	6 n.
Hongkong Tramways	25 1/2 - 25 3/4 sa	25 1/2 b 25 1/2 sa	25 1/2 b 25 1/2 sa
Lane, Crawford	12 b.	12 b. [sa]	11 1/2 b. 12 sa
Macao Electric	40 n.	—	—
Mackintosh	21 1/2 n.	—	—
Nanyang Tobacco	—	13 b.	—
Peak Trams (old)	17 b.	17 b.	17 b.
do. (new)	8 s.	8 n.	8 s.
Sinceres	11 n.	10 b.	11 n.
Singapore Trams	7 1/2 b.	8 n.	—
Taxis	4 s.	3 b.	2 1/4 s.
United Asbestos.	20 n.	—	—
do. (Founders)	—	600 n.	—
do. (Ordinary)	—	18 n.	—
Watsons (old)	12 b.	12 b.	12 b.
do. (new)	—	—	—
Wm. Powells	10 n.	9 1/2 s.	10 s.
H.K. Telephone	—	3 1/2 b.	3 1/2 b.



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People and Events in the News of the World



SEEK BUSINESS CAREER.

Tired of Washington society life, the Misses Grace C. Waggaman and Lillie Roosevelt, debutantes, are studying typewriting and shorthand, intending to seek employment as stenographers.



COUNTESS SALM.

Countess Salm, formerly Millicent Rogers, who eloped with the titled Austrian, has been taken into the social fold at Palm Beach.



EM. KAISER & PRINCESS HERMINE

A quiet celebration at his Doorn retreat marked ex-Kaiser Wilhelm's birthday. During the afternoon he took a stroll with his wife, Princess Hermine.



GEN. PERSHING

This "close-up" of General John J. Pershing is in marked contrast with pictures taken before he went to South America to arbitrate the Tacna-Arica boundary dispute. The General was forced to resign because of ill-health and was in hospital at Washington.



JESSE L. LASKY & ADOLPH ZUKOR

Jesse L. Lasky and Adolph Zukor, prominent figures in the motion picture world, spent a vacation together at one of the Florida beaches.



MRS. EDNA COURSEY

Mrs. Edna Coursey, of Baltimore, was held with her husband in connection with the death of their five-year old son. Coursey is charged with beating the child to death.



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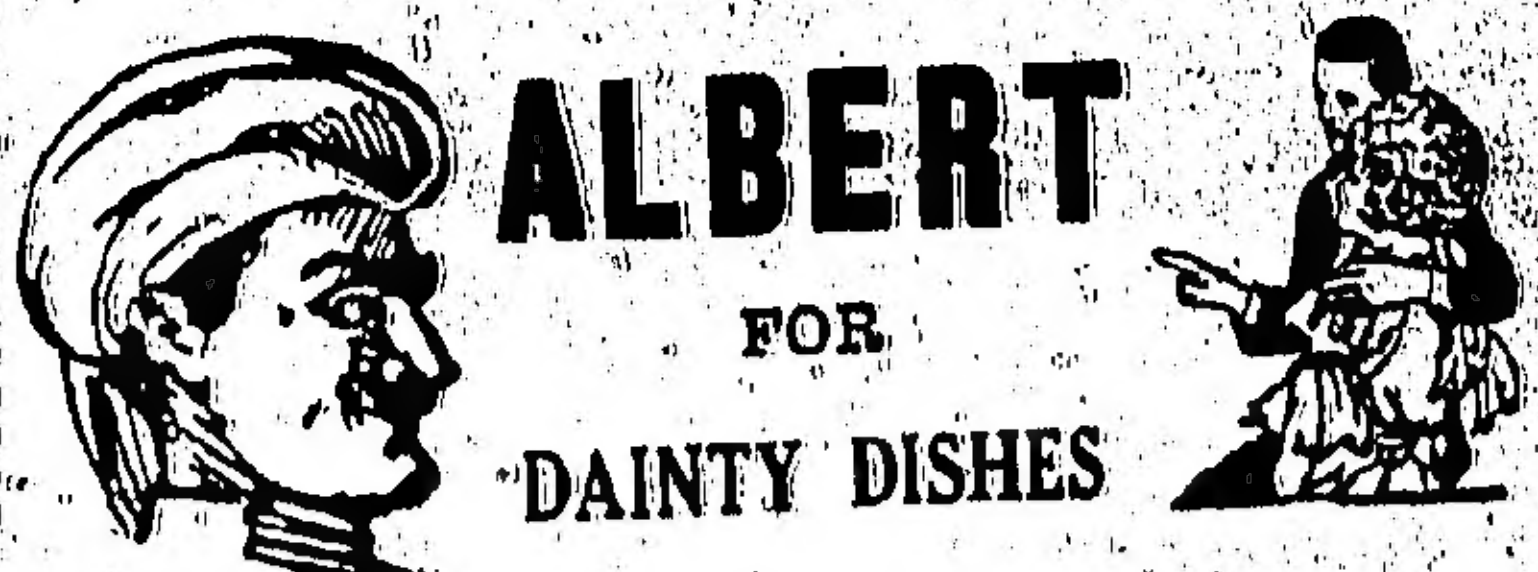
Monsignor Louis Barlassina, of Jerusalem, is to organize chapters of the Knights of the Holy Sepulchre. Lord Stonehaven, the new Governor-General of Australia, has an aeroplane to visit the outlying parts of the Continent. Mile. Claud Dazil, a twenty-four-year-old French girl, is the author of an amazing psychological play which is creating a sensation in Paris. Brigadier-General M. B. Stewart will assume the post of superintendent of the United States Military Academy at West Point.

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ODDS AND ENDS

An Author's Critics

How many critics has an author to satisfy? (asks Mark Over in the "Outlook.") Mr. Frank Swinnerton, who, as both novelist and critic, is qualified to speak on the subject, rather staggered some of his hearers when he addressed the Bookman Literary Circle the other night on "Authors and Their Critics" by his list of the critical lions in the author's path. Most of us, without thinking, would say that an author had only to satisfy three critics—himself, the publisher's reader, and (speaking collectively) the reviewer. But Mr. Swinnerton produced a far more formidable list. I will not aver that I kept correct count, but I think it totalled eight critics, individual or collective—including the author, who should be his own severest critic. I think this was the order in which Mr. Swinnerton arranged them:—

Author.
 Author's wife, mother, and other relatives.
 Author's friends.
 Author's typist.
 Publisher's reader.
 Publisher.
 Public.
 Reviewer.

Artificial Flowers.

Improved workmanship has greatly stimulated the demand for artificial flowers for purposes of personal adornment (says the "Daily Telegraph.") It is many years since we had a "flower season" in millinery, but their use has been diverted to evening bands for the hair and sprays for wear with the long, simple waistline. Headdresses in shapes innumerable are made of flowers and leaves, velvet, silk, and shaded tissues being the favoured materials. Flower sprays were worn last year from the waist, and are being worn from the shoulder this season. Orchids, gardenias, and scarlet geraniums are generally used, although there is nothing to restrict the wearer in her choice, unless it be the limitations imposed by fashion. An interesting little revival in the reappearance of the Victorian posies, which, however, are nowadays worn on the shoulder. Pastel and hyacinth shades and natural anemone colourings are used largely in these, and they constitute a very sweet and youthful-looking ornament.

Cocaine Smuggling.

One is glad to note that when the police caught one of the British seamen regularly engaged in smuggling cocaine the law sent him to penal servitude for three years, for this degrading trade is a disgrace to the cloth, which

should be ruthlessly stamped out at every possible opportunity (says a writer in a Home paper). The fact that British seamen ashore at Hamburg are now pestered in the streets to indulge in the traffic far less frequently than they were only a few months ago must not be taken as a gratifying sign that the "drug traffic" is on the decrease, for it is far too profitable a game to be dropped lightly by those indulging in it. On the contrary it is a bad sign, rather than a good one, for it means that, although the average British seaman regards the business as too dirty for him to touch whatever his profits may be, the runners have managed to find regular tools without having to ask anybody who happens to be trading to this country. This is, of course, a disadvantage, but on the other hand it must be admitted that the special department of Scotland Yard which has the close co-operation with the Customs and Aliens officers, have worked up a really marvellous system, and sooner or later anybody who indulges in the trade regularly is sure to come within the reach of the law, when sentences such as they passed at the London Sessions will do a lot to stamp out the traffic.



Fearing that she would lose her young husband's love when her baby died, Mrs. Lillian Blauvelt adopted little Helen Murphy and told her husband it was her own. Then the real parents of Helen demanded the child's return, and Mrs. Blauvelt reported to the police that the baby had been kidnapped. A three-day search ended when Mrs. Gertrude Murphy appeared with Helen and proved her parenthood.

Safe in a Storm.

Some interesting experiments carried out by the General Electric Company have shown that during a severe thunderstorm it is fifteen times safer to be flat on the ground than to remain standing (says the "Children's Newspaper.") A man standing under a thundercloud 1,000 feet above the ground would be struck by lightning 15 times in every 100 flashes; if lying down he would only be struck once in every 100 flashes. Wherever there is a lightning conductor, everyone is safe for a distance around the conductor equal to four times its height. Some of the lightning flashes in a severe storm are due to a voltage of a hundred million and a current of 80,000 amperes.

Clouded Eyeglasses.

The housewife who wears eyeglasses is frequently at a disadvantage in the pursuing of her daily duties by reason of the fact that the lenses cloud over, with steam from cooking, or even from the change of temperature in passing from one room to another (says the "Manchester Guardian.") It is irritating suddenly to be unable to see, and moreover, the glasses are very liable to be broken if they are removed hastily for a rub over. The simplest way out of the difficulty is to use a mixture of glycerine and methylated spirits. Mix a tablespoonful of glycerine to five tablespoonfuls of methylated spirits and keep well corked in a bottle. Shake, and apply a little to the lenses. It will cloud them at first, but this disappears on rubbing. The effect will last the day, and quite prevent the glasses from clouding over.

Children and Strange Dogs.

In view of the present local outbreak of rabies, the following, in a London daily, may not be amiss: Most children are eager to fondle any strange dog which they meet in the street, and although most dogs are friendly, there is always the danger of a bite from a strange one. Dogs that wag their tails are usually safe to handle, but those that do not should be regarded with suspicion. Since a dog takes his like or dislike to a person through the sense of smell, the hand should always be held out first for him to sniff at. A growl immediately following this action is sufficient warning, whereas approval will be indicated by a well wagged tail. The dog's head can then be patted in safety—but not before. Children should certainly be told never to touch a strange dog. At the same time it does no harm to let them know the reason why no dog should be patted until the animal has inspected the hand.

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There will be one collection from the pillar boxes and one delivery of ordinary correspondence each day as on Sundays and also one delivery of registered correspondence each day at 9 a.m.
The Money Order Office will be entirely closed during the Holidays.

NOTICE.
WIRELESS TELEGRAPH SERVICES. which offer speedy and efficient means of communication, are established between HONGKONG and SHIPS at SEA, FRENCH INDO-CHINA, the PROVINCE OF YUNNAN, and MACAO.

The RADIO TELEGRAPH OFFICE is always open for the reception and transmission of Radio Telegrams and for reporting vessels passing WAGLAN and GAP ROCK LIGHTHOUSES.

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From THURSDAY, APRIL 1. To

Shanghai 12.30 p.m. Luchow

U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Shanghai 1.30 p.m. Pros. Jackson

Shanghai 2.30 p.m. Pros. Chenan

Shanghai 3.30 p.m. Pros. Morea

Amoy 4.30 p.m. Pros. Takada

Straits 5.30 p.m. Pros. Troilus

Shanghai and Europe via Siberia 6.30 p.m. Pros. Dorslinger

Japan 7.30 p.m. Pros. Sarpedon

Canada, U.S.A., Japan and Shanghai 8.30 p.m. Pros. Empress of Australia

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To THURSDAY, APRIL 1. From

Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., Central and South America, & EUROPE via Vancouver 1.30 p.m. Pros. Jackson

Yokohama, B.C. — due Vancouver 1.30 p.m. Pros. Chenan

B.O. 18th Apr. Paroels 2 p.m. Pros. Morea

Registration 4.15 p.m. Letters 5 p.m. Pros. Takada

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Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles — due Marseilles 30th Apr. Paroels 3 p.m. Registration 3rd Apr. 5.45 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m. Pros. Sarpedon

Port Harward 6.30 p.m. Pros. Empress of Australia

Friday, April 2. Pros. Chenan 8 a.m.

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NOTICES.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, KOWLOON.

GOOD FRIDAY.

11 a.m. Morning Prayer. Preacher: Rev. G. E. S. Updell, M.A. "The Story of the Cross will be sung."

6 p.m. Evening Prayer. Preacher: Rev. G. E. S. Updell, M.A.

EASTER SUNDAY.

7.15 a.m. Holy Communion.

8.15 a.m. Holy Communion.

11 a.m. Morning Prayer and H. C. Preacher: The Vicar.

3 p.m. Young People's Service.

6 p.m. Evening Prayer and H. C. Preacher: The Lord Bishop.

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On these days, the Hongkong Dispensary will be opened for dispensing prescriptions from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 6 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.

On SATURDAY, the 3rd instant, all departments will be open as usual.

Hongkong, 1st April, 1926.

INSURANCE OFFICES.

NOTICE.

EASTER HOLIDAYS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all FIRE and MARINE INSURANCE OFFICES will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Business on FRIDAY, SATURDAY and MONDAY, the 2nd, 3rd, and 5th April, 1926.

By Order, **LOWE, BINGHAM & MATTHEWS**, Secretaries.

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Hongkong, 30th March, 1926.

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THE FIRST EXTRA RACE MEETING

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The First Ball will be rung at 2 p.m.

The charge for admission to the Public Enclosure will be \$1. for all persons including Ladies.

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Members are advised that they must show their Badges to obtain admission to the Members' Enclosure.

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The charge for admission for Ladies to the Members' Enclosure will be \$2.—Each member can obtain upon application to the Secretary, Badges for the admission of 2 Ladies free of charge.

Hongkong, March 23, 1926.

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By Order, **H. P. WINSLOW**, Manager.

Kowloon, 31st March, 1926.

KOWLOON GOLF CLUB.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

that the **SECOND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** of the Club will be held at the Central British School, Nathan Road, Kowloon, on **WEDNESDAY**, the 7th day of April, 1926, at 6.15 p.m.

By Order of the Committee, **WM. PATTERSON**, Hon. Secretary.

31st March, 1926.

NOTICE.

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The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 8th to 22nd April, 1926, both days inclusive.

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